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73 observers arrive in Baghdad

Gulf truce operation vital for UN future

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 16. (Agencies): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today that the UN's peacekeeping operation in the Gulf is important not only for Iran and Iraq but for the future standing of the world organisation.

The secretary-general was opening a two-day resumed session of the General Assembly to finance the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG), set up last week to monitor an Aug 20 ceasefire.

"The decision which the General Assembly is now asked to take is... of very great importance, not only for peace between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq which is so ardently desired by the members of this organisation, but also for the wider standing of the United Nations itself," he said.

UNIMOG, to comprise 350 unarmed observers from 24 countries and nearly 1,100 military and civilian support staff, will cost an estimated \$74 million during its first six months of operation.

Renewal

"The setting up of this observer group comes at a time when there is a most welcome renewal of interest in the peacemaking and peacekeeping functions of the United Nations and at a time when several other new peacekeeping operations are under active discussion," Perez de Cuellar said.

"It is thus of the greatest importance that this new operation should succeed," he added.

alluding to the possibility of the UN providing peace forces in Namibia, the Western Sahara and other trouble spots.

Meanwhile, a group of 73 United Nations observers arrived in Baghdad today to prepare for their mission of helping to implement an Aug 20 Gulf war ceasefire.

The official Iraqi News Agency said the 73 joined a small group of a handful of UN officials who had arrived last week.

Unarmed

They are part of the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, made up of 350 unarmed officers from 24 nations that will monitor the ceasefire, with headquarters in Tehran and Baghdad.

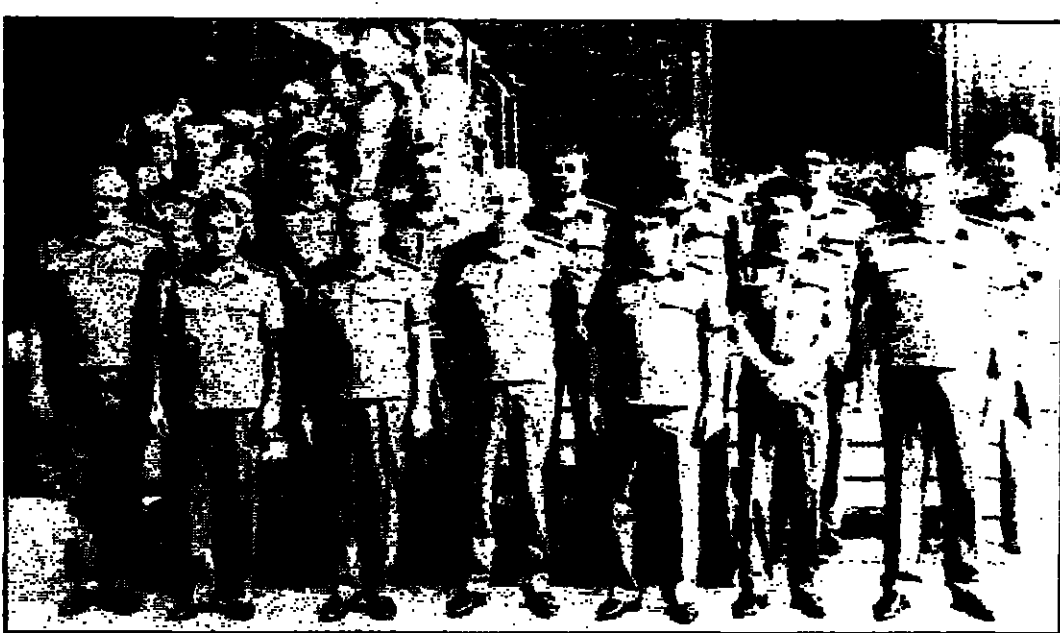
The head of the group, Gen. Slavko Jovic of Yugoslavia, was due to arrive in Baghdad tomorrow, the Iraqi agency reported. Jovic will be shuttling back and forth between Baghdad and Tehran.

Naval sources in Rome and a Gulf-based diplomat said Italy today reduced its Gulf fleet by one frigate.

A force comprising 350 men in the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group was expected to be in place along the Iran-Iraq border before the formal Gulf war ceasefire goes into effect on Saturday.

There was no immediate word from Tehran of the arrival of similar contingents on the Iranian side, but Iran warned the United Nations today that Iraq intended to launch an all-out attack before the ceasefire.

Tehran Radio said the warn-



Hungarian military officers pose in front of the Army cultural centre in Budapest, before leaving for the Iran-Iraq border to monitor the ceasefire. (Reuters wirephoto)

ing was contained in a letter from Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati addressed to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Velayati apparently dispatched the letter after visiting Syrian President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus and Libyan leader Col. Muammar Khaddafi in Tripoli.

The radio quoted him as saying Iraq "intends to launch a series of attacks on land and at sea" before Aug 20. He asked the UN chief to take measures to prevent the ceasefire from being jeopardised.

In the Gulf, the Italian frigate Aliseo pulled out of the regional

sea-lanes today and headed for Taranto, Italy, a naval source in Rome said. The Aliseo will not be replaced and Italy's Gulf fleet was thus being reduced by one ship, he said.

Benefit

In Kuwait, Iraq's First Deputy Premier, Taha Yassin Ramadan said that Iraq will not allow Iran to use the Gulf while its own entry to the waterway remains blocked.

"The Shatt Al Arab is full of sunken tankers and mines and so Iran can benefit from the Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz during the first day of the ceasefire while

Iraq will not, and that we will not allow," Ramadan said in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily newspaper.

Ramadan did not say what measures Iraq would take to deny Iran to use of the Gulf.

The disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway, Iraq's only outlet to the Gulf, has been blocked since war broke out 1980. About 75 vessels are trapped in the waterway.

Ramadan appealed to the United Nations Security Council to take "early steps regarding the Shatt Al Arab so that the two parties' benefits are balanced."

Iraq today insisted that Iran was to blame for the war.

Mubarak urges revival of policy co-ordination between Jordan and PLO

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Aug 16. (UPI): President Mubarak affirmed Egyptian support for the PLO today but said the group's next move should be "well calculated" in order to give a push to the Palestinian case.

Mubarak also urged a revival of policy co-ordination between Jordan and the PLO, describing it as "imperative."

The Egyptian leader met in this Mediterranean resort city with a PLO delegation that arrived yesterday for consultations about the PLO's options following King Hussein's disengagement from the West Bank.

Renounce

"We in Egypt are ready to help because we have adopted the Palestinian case and will not renounce it," Mubarak told reporters after the meeting.

"But I hope that the steps which they will take will be well calculated in order to give a forward push to the (Palestinian) case," Mubarak said.

Mubarak did not specify those steps. But PLO officials have said the group was considering the declaration of an independent state in the Israeli-occupied territories, with Jerusalem as its capital.

Another option under study was the establishment of a Palestinian government-in-exile.

Abdullah El Horani, a member of the PLO's executive committee, said last night the PLO was considering the two options and had received assurances of Egyptian support.

Mubarak said the PLO delegation, which visited Jordan before coming to Cairo, was "satisfied" with their talks with Jordanian officials.

"A sort of confidence-building has started," Mubarak said. "Co-ordination between Jordan and the Palestinians is necessary and imperative."

Policies

Mubarak said Egypt was co-ordinating policies with both Jordan and the PLO, describing the Palestinian case "as the case of all Arabs and not only Egypt."

While Mubarak conferred with the Palestinians in Alexandria, the cabinet met in Cairo and

discussed, among other foreign policy matters, the Palestinian situation in the wake of Jordan's disengagement from the West Bank.

Information Minister Safwat El Sherif told reporters the cabinet reviewed "the positive results of the Jordanian-Palestinian consultations and the ideas put forward by the Palestinians so that the PLO can discharge its responsibilities on the international and Palestinian levels."

El Horani said the Palestinian delegation was informed by Abdel-Meguid that "Egypt will place all its political capabilities in the service of the PLO's objectives."

Connection

"We are studying the proclamation of a Palestinian state or a provisional government or a government-in-exile," El Horani said. "Consultations are taking place in this connection."

The political programme of the proposed state or government was also under study "in order to present it to the world in an acceptable and realistic manner," he said. "And we can very much count on Egypt's expertise and advice in this respect."

The visit of the Palestinian delegation coincided with a report yesterday by Egypt's Middle East news agency that the PLO planned to proclaim the birth of an independent Palestinian state in the occupied territories next month, "with Jerusalem its capital and the PLO chairman Yasser Arafat its head-of-state."

In Israel, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday PLO proposals to declare a Palestinian state-in-exile disrupt chances for peace and create more conflict.

"The establishment of a Palestinian state... no matter where... is the first stage in the destruction of Israel," Shamir told Israeli television yesterday.

"It doesn't matter where the borders are. What is important is that the weakens Israel. It is important that it gives a basis for the PLO to continue and strengthen its war with the state of Israel," he said.



Mezyed Al Sane

Kuwaiti military chief to visit Moscow

KUWAIT'S Chief-of-Staff will lead a military delegation to defence talks in Moscow on Aug 29, the national news agency KUNA reported yesterday.

The report quoted Defence Ministry officials saying Major-General Mezyed Al Sane would head the high ranking team.

"Kuwait has always followed an independent policy in its relations with the superpowers and in acquiring its defence needs," KUNA said.

Kuwait has traditionally bought its arms from the West, especially the United States, but last June it signed a deal with the Soviet Union which included the purchase of 245 armoured personnel carriers.

Predicted

KUNA said the visit came while "the American administration is still debating an order from Kuwait to buy warplanes and missiles worth about \$2 billion."

Kuwait's Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah last week predicted that the US Congress would approve the sale after modification.

Military sources in the region say France wants to sell Kuwait its Mirage 2000 fighters and Britain has offered it Tornado combat planes.

Pakistan frees pilot of downed Soviet plane

ISLAMABAD, Aug 16. (Reuters): Pakistan today freed a Soviet pilot whose warplane was shot down after crossing the border from Afghanistan 12 days ago, a Pakistani official said.

Foreign Secretary Humayun Khan told a news conference that Colonel Alexander Rudskoi was handed over to the Soviet embassy in Islamabad as a token of goodwill.

Rudskoi's SU-25 ground attack plane was shot down by a US-built F-16 of the Pakistani Air Force on Aug 4, 22 km (14 miles) inside Pakistan.

Khan said the Soviet jet was fully armed and equipped with cluster bombs.

The downing of the jet has not been reported in the official Soviet media and no comment was immediately available from the Soviet embassy in Islamabad.

Western diplomats said the incident was an embarrassment for Moscow at a time when it had been strongly denouncing Pakistan for allegedly violating the Afghan agreement signed in Geneva last April.

Blast kills 4

PESHAWAR, Aug 16. (Reuters): Four people were killed today when a bomb exploded in the market of a town in northern Pakistan, police said.

Israel sets up task force to study PLO statements

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 16. (Agencies): Israel has set up a task force to study statements by PLO leaders suggesting the commando group would recognise the Jewish state, a Foreign Ministry official said today.

Troops confined all 650,000 residents of the occupied Gaza Strip to their homes for a second full day in the latest Israeli effort to quash an eight-month-old Palestinian uprising, while in the West Bank troops shot and wounded two Arab protesters.

In Jerusalem, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "The task force is to follow and analyse developments and statements by the PLO. There is so much activity that we took four or five senior officials who deal with the Arab world to study it."

He said an expert in Soviet affairs was also a member of the team. Formed a few days ago.

Alter

PLO number two Salah Khalaf's recent remarks that the Palestinian group would alter its charter to recognise Israel were the latest in a flurry of seemingly conciliatory PLO declarations.

Both left- and right-wing Israeli leaders have publicly dismissed the statements and said they will not talk to the PLO.

describing it as a terrorist group bent on destroying the Jewish state.

A senior Israeli official said next month's meeting of the Palestine National Council, often described as a Palestinian parliament-in-exile, would be a critical test of whether the PLO had actually changed its policies.

Soldiers shot and seriously wounded three Palestinians today and 75 Arabs were treated for beating injuries, hospital officials said. The Army maintained a two-day-old curfew in the Gaza Strip.

A military spokesman confirmed troops wounded a Palestinian in the occupied West Bank town of Tel near Nablus during a clash with Arabs throwing stones and bottles.

Clashes

Military officials also confirmed at least a dozen Palestinians were injured in clashes with troops in the Gaza Strip early today.

Officials at Gaza city's Shifa Hospital put the number of injured at 75 and said troops beat the Arabs with riot sticks on the head, arms and legs. Thirty-five were still undergoing treatment by midday today, the official said.

Officials at Al Ithihad Hospital

in Nablus, meanwhile, said Aymen Yameen, 16, suffered a critical gunshot wound to the head. A second youth, Abdul Razak Hudhud, 20, was critically wounded in the stomach during a clash between stone-throwers and soldiers inside Nablus, the officials said.

A 15-year-old Palestinian was also moderately wounded in the stomach in the Nablus clash, said an official at the city's St John's Hospital.

Nasem Abed, 26, from the Mughazi refugee camp in Gaza, died in hospital yesterday, making him the 256th Palestinian fatality in an eight-month revolt against Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza. Four Israelis have also died.

Abed was the third person to die as the result of an attack last week by unknown assailants on Palestinian workers sleeping in a tent near Tel Aviv, police said.

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2 killed in prison riot

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 16. (Reuters): Israeli troops shot dead two Palestinians and wounded three today in rioting at the desert prison camp of Ketziot, an Army spokesman said.



Mubarak (right) greets head of the PLO delegation Mahmoud Abbas upon his arrival in Alexandria. (Reuters wirephoto)

'No hurry to resume ties'

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Aug 16. (UPI): President Hosni Mubarak said today he would not object to a resumption of diplomatic relations with Iran but cautioned against hasty action that might have adverse effects.

Mubarak, during a tour of an Army hospital at this Mediterranean city, was asked about reports that Iran was preparing to restore diplomatic

relations with Egypt following the ceasefire with Iraq.

"Let us wait and see what will happen because we are in no hurry," Mubarak replied.

Mubarak then added: "I have no objection to a restoration of relations with Iran... but quick steps under these circumstances may have bad results. We do not want to take a quick step and then be surprised by its adverse effects and regret it."

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WEATHER

NORMAL summer weather with light north-westerly wind.
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high water: 3.00 am, 2.30 pm
low water: 9.00 am, 9.00 pm
sunrise: 5.17 am
sunset: 6.26 pm
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uwait: 46°C 115°F
hmad: 40°C 104°F
sila: 40°C 104°F
minimum temperature recorded:
uwait: 28°C 82°F
hmad: 23°C 90°F
sila: 23°C 90°F
maximum temperature expected:
uwait: 46°C 115°F
hmad: 40°C 104°F
sila: 40°C 104°F
humidity recorded:
uwait: 11 per cent
hmad: 54 per cent
sila: 55 per cent
maximum humidity expected:
uwait: 20 per cent
hmad: 55 per cent
sila: 55 per cent

Mandela has tuberculosis, says lawyer

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 16. (Reuters): Jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela is suffering from tuberculosis and has been coughing up blood, his lawyer said today.

"Mr Mandela has tuberculosis," lawyer Ismail Ayob told reporters at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts airport on his return from visiting the 70-year-old Mandela in Cape Town's Tygerberg hospital where he was taken from his prison cell last Friday.

"Suddenly he looks very old," Ayob added. Mandela, who marked his 70th birthday last month, is in the 26th year of a life sentence for plotting to overthrow white minority rule.

Ailing

Asked whether Mandela's life was in danger, Ayob said: "We can't tell at this stage."

He said he had asked prison authorities to allow a family doctor to see the ailing leader of the African National Congress guerrilla movement, but had not yet had a reply.

Mandela's wife Winnie and their daughter Zinzi also visited him in Cape Town today. Looking grim, they declined to comment to reporters.

Ayob said Mandela told him he noticed he was coughing up blood last Friday, the day he was taken to hospital.

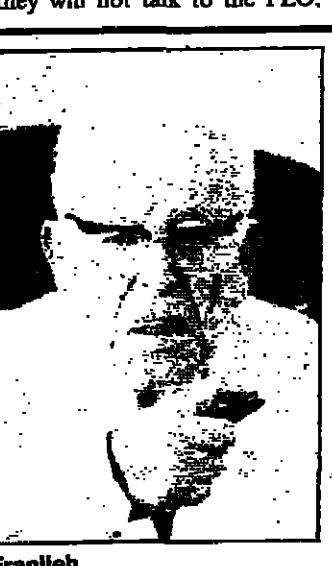
Mandela is regarded by many of South Africa's black majority as their foremost leader, and his death in custody could trigger serious unrest.

Hussein ends visit to Iraq

BAGHDAD, Aug 16. (AP): King Hussein of Jordan today concluded a 24-hour visit during which he held talks with President Saddam Hussein, the state-run television said.

It said a round of talks was held between the two leaders today, but gave no details of the topics discussed.

In Amman, the official Jordan news agency reported that the king signed a "bilateral co-operation agreement" with Iraq, but it gave no details of the pact.



Franjeh

'Former president's nomination will spark war'

Franjeh to run in presidential race

BEIRUT, Aug 16. (Reuters): A Lebanese hardline Christian militia said today the presidential nomination of Syrian-backed former President Suleiman Franjeh could plunge the country into a new war.

"The Lebanese Forces considers that the nomination of Franjeh could lead to the disintegration of the country and taking it back to an atmosphere of war," a Lebanese Forces spokesman said.

Franjeh, an archrival of the Lebanese Forces militia, announced his candidacy for the presidential election in his northern hometown of Ehden despite threats by the Christian militias to sabotage Thursday's Parliament session to prevent his arrival to the poll.

The Lebanese Forces spokesman said his militia was in favour of electing a new president "on condition that the candidate should not be one who holds a

grudge to any party or who challenges anyone."

The "Unified and Free Lebanon" radio station, owned by Franjeh, quoted him as saying at a news conference: "In these critical hours... I am determined with your help and participation to take the responsibility and end the unbearable crisis and save the country and its people."

The radio, based in Ehden, broadcast national songs and

described Franjeh, a 78-year-old Christian Maronite, as "the strong President."

A Christian politician said Franjeh's nomination was a challenge to the Christian Lebanese Forces militia and "a declaration of war."

The 12,000-man strong Lebanese Forces, which controls a Christian enclave east of Beirut, last Thursday said it mobilised its military and political apparatus to confront

Franjeh's election.

A personal friend of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, Franjeh is a staunch opponent of the Lebanese Forces and the Christian Phalange Party loyal to President Amin Gemayel.

Lebanese Forces officials say they will sabotage the session by setting up checkpoints in areas under their control and asking Christian deputies to boycott the

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INTERNATIONAL

Republican Party convention

Bush gets rousing endorsement

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 16, (AP): The Republican Party began its national convention to nominate Vice President George Bush for presidential race with a rousing endorsement from President Reagan.

Red, white and blue balloons and confetti rained down from the ceiling of the cavernous superdome as thousands of delegates and fresh-faced young people wildly cheered Reagan's last night.

The 77-year-old Reagan and his wife, Nancy, basked in the enthusiasm, then turned playful and caught balloons that floated onto the speaker's podium. Tears streamed down the faces of some delegates watching Reagan's last appearance at a convention as President.

Great Bush, praised by Reagan as a man "who has seen this office from the inside," watched the President's speech on television at the vice presidential residence in Washington. He will arrive in the convention city today, one day before his nomination.

After Reagan spoke, Bush said in a statement, "It was a great and generous speech by a great and generous President. ... now I will go to New Orleans and do my level best to fill the big shoes of Ronald Reagan."

Reagan said Bush had played an important role in his adminis-

tration's accomplishments, including the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation strategy to deploy medium-range missiles in Europe to counter Soviet SS-20 missiles.

Bush, he said, went to Brussels to work with European leaders in overcoming to overcome opposition to the deployment of the missiles.

"This subsequently persuaded the Soviets to sign the INF treaty and begin removing their SS-20s," Reagan said.

Reagan recounted what he said were the accomplishments of his administration won over "the resistance of those liberal elites who loudly proclaim that it's time for a change," including tax cuts and the US military buildup.

"For the first time in eight years we have the prospects of peace in southwest Africa and the removal of Cuban and other foreign forces from the region," he said, referring to US-sponsored negotiations including Cuba, South Africa and Angola.

"Without George Bush to build on those policies, everything we have achieved will be at risk," he said, urging the party to work for his victory at the polls.

"We need someone who's big enough and experienced enough to handle tough and demanding negotiations with ... (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev — because this is no time to gamble with on-the-job training."

He didn't mention Michael Dukakis by name, but he clearly meant the Democratic candidate, who has never held national office.

Meanwhile, the delegates plunged happily into the gaudy frolic traditional at major party conventions. Silly hats and balloons abounded. Conga lines dancing to jazz bands in clown suits wound through the aisles.

Coverage

The convention offers presidential candidates perhaps their best national television coverage of the campaign, but audience numbers have been declining in recent years as convention outcomes have become more predictable due to state primary elections decreasing the importance of maneuvering by party officials.

Reagan, seeking to keep his own popularity from stealing attention from Bush, insisted on giving his speech on the convention's opening night.

After meeting briefly with Bush at the New Orleans airport today, the President is to depart for a vacation at his home in California.

Most public opinion surveys showed Bush trailing Dukakis as the convention began. A poll by ABC television released yesterday showed Dukakis leading by a margin of 55 per cent to 40 per cent for Bush.

Before he spoke, Reagan led

the delegates in a standing ovation for Arizona Sen. John McCain, who recalled in chilling detail his five and a half years as a prisoner of war in north Vietnam, complete with film of his emaciated condition on his release.

"In this presidential race, George Bush alone has the experience and knowledge to continue the policy of a strong defence, coupled with a willingness to negotiate," McCain said.

Other speakers on the convention's first day were three former Republican presidential candidates — former Delaware Gov. Pete Du Pont, former Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Congressman Jack Kemp — who lost to Bush in the primaries earlier in this year. They praised Bush and attacked Dukakis.

Although party unity and support for Bush were the order of the day, some delegates were openly wistful that Reagan was prevented by the US constitution from seeking a third term.

Delegates erupted in chants of "four more years" when he appeared.

Police said six protesters were arrested outside the hotel where a rally was under way for former television evangelist Pat Robertson, technically the only opponent still challenging Bush.

Robertson still retains the support of 93 delegates, even though he has endorsed Bush.

Swedish bus crash kills 15

EIDFJORD, Norway, Aug. 16, (AP): The driver of a Swedish school bus that wrecked killing 15 people told police his brakes failed on a steep mountain road and he lost control when trying to scrape the bus to a halt against a tunnel wall, the national Norwegian news agency NTB said today.

Twelve children were among those killed as an outing from a suburban Stockholm school to the British Shetland Islands ended in abrupt tragedy. All 19 other people were injured, police said.

The class of 11- and 12-year-olds left Stockholm on Sunday for the week-long trip. They rammed into a concrete wall near the end of the steep and curving Maaboedal tunnel about 60 miles (100 kilometres) from Bergen, where they were due to catch a ferry.

Kvambacka primary school in suburban Kista cancelled today's enrollment for the fall term after more than half of class six B died in the crash, along with three chaperones.

Worst

A teacher at the school told the Swedish daily Aftonbladet the students had spent two years holding bazaar and saving money to finance the trip.

The suburban community, based on computer companies, went into mourning, and the local church opened all day for relatives and friends of the victims.

It was the worst accident of its kind in Norway since 1948. There have been no accidents in the tunnel, about 120 miles (200 kilometres) northwest of Oslo, since it opened in 1986.

Injured

"Some of the dead had to be lifted out of the wreck by cranes. Practically all survivors were injured in one way or the other," said Bert F. Moe, chief constable of the Hardanger police district.

The bus was believed to be carrying 23 pupils, nine parents, a teacher and the driver. Survivors were evacuated by helicopter to hospitals in Bergen, Voss and Odda. Six people were severely injured but out of danger, said a doctor at Bergen's Haukeland hospital.

Legalization of Solidarity demanded

Polish miners go on strike

WARSAW, Aug. 16, (AP): More than 4,000 workers at a coal mine in the southern city of Jastrzebie went on strike today to demand the legalization of the banned Solidarity trade union, an opposition spokeswoman said.

The strike came on the eighth anniversary of the birth of the since-outlawed trade union federation in Gdansk.

The government had no immediate information about the work stoppage.

Solidarity spokeswoman Katarzyna Ketrzynska said the entire crew of the overnight shift at the Manifest Lipcowy mine remained on the surface of the mine throughout the night.

Refused

She said they were joined by workers arriving for the early morning shift, who also stayed on the surface and refused to take up their tools.

The spokeswoman said the miners had declared an occupation strike at noon today.

Ketrzynska said security officials at the mine have barred members of the afternoon shift,

scheduled to go to work at 2 pm (1200 GMT), from entering the grounds to join the striking miners.

She said the workers presented 20 demands to management. Earlier reports indicated that 30 demands were made, but miners apparently revised the list during the course of their discussions.

Assist

The demands include the legalization of the banned trade union Solidarity and re-instatement of workers fired for independent trade union activities, she said.

The workers also are calling for higher wages and better working conditions.

The Solidarity spokeswoman said the miners also have asked that two lawyers and two economists be brought to the facility tomorrow to assist them.

Jastrzebie is 450 kilometres (280 miles) southwest of Warsaw near the industrial city of Katowice in the Silesia region.

Manifest Lipcowy is the second Silesian mine to

experience unrest in recent months.

Copper workers at the Rudna mine near the city of Wroclaw staged a protest rally yesterday to demand better safety conditions and to allow Solidarity activists to return to work.

Mine management on Saturday barred three Solidarity activists from joining their shifts.

The Rudna mine workers have called for another protest later today.

Operations

Most of Poland's heavy industry is located in the Silesian region. Its coal and copper mining operations are critical to the nation's economy.

On Aug. 16, 1980, workers at factories around Gdansk joined striking shipyard workers and jointly declared their demands for the formation of an independent trade union federation, which became Solidarity.

The Solidarity trade union federation was crushed in 1981 when the government imposed martial law, it was banned a year later by Parliament.

New procedures may reshape the political system

Soviet party polls begin

MOSCOW, Aug. 16, (Reuters): The Soviet Communist Party has started elections under new procedures designed to make the country's political system more democratic, but which retain many features of the top-to-bottom control of the past.

The official Tass news agency, announcing the start of the elections yesterday, said grass-roots party bodies would finish choosing their new leaders by the end of October, and district, city and regional party bodies by the end of the year.

Provided

"In this way all echelons of party power will be renewed, with the exception of those at the top," it declared, saying the party's policy-setting central committee and the central committees of the 15 Soviet republics would be exempt.

The party newspaper Pravda said the elections provided the most suitable opportunity to bring to power a new generation

of leaders committed to Kremlin reform and "strike a final blow to everything which is preventing movement forward."

The new election procedures were designed at the special party conference held in Moscow this summer.

Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev called at the conference for a radical reshaping of the country's political system and proposed a number of innovations, including secret ballots and limits of two five-year terms for party office holders.

But the Tass report made clear that various aspects of the election process were being left to the discretion of individual party bodies, and not all were taking advantage of Gorbachev's "democratisation" drive.

In numerous cases, it added, party groups were still presented with a single leadership candidate instead of the multiple candidacies proposed at the

party conference.

And while local party groups had won the right to propose candidates to higher bodies in the power hierarchy, it said, the last word rested with the more senior echelon.

But it said the new tenure limits would begin with the current elections and nobody would be able to hold the same party office for more than two five-year terms.

Tass commented that the disregard of the secret ballot was understandable at the local level because members of party cells knew each other well and were not afraid to voice their opinions. But it said intellectuals preferred secret votes.

The cases in which only one candidate was presented concerned "authoritative people enjoying the respect of the absolute majority of their collectives," it said, but gave no reason why these candidates should not face a challenger.



President Reagan embraces his wife Nancy during a surprise visit Reagan made to a party in Nancy's honour in New Orleans. (Reuter wirephoto)

Reagan pays tribute to Nancy

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 16, (Reuters): First lady Nancy Reagan bade an emotional farewell yesterday to thousands of Republican supporters but it was a surprise tribute from her husband of 36 years that moved her to tears.

President Reagan, who arrived at the end of a three-hour Republican Party lunch in honour of Mrs Reagan, told his wife that like many husbands he probably did not thank her enough for all she had done for him.

"So Nancy, in front of all your

friends here today, let me say thank you for all you do, thank you for your love, thank you for just being you," the President said, turning to his wife at his side.

Speech

Mrs Reagan, wearing a white dress with a gold necklace and earrings, hugged and kissed her husband and brushed away tears. The Reagans married on March 4, 1952.

Before her husband's unscheduled arrival at the lunch at the New Orleans convention centre, the first lady's voice broke as

she made a brief speech thanking the Republican Party for organising the tribute.

"The Republican Party has given Ronnie and me eight of the most exciting, wonderful years we ever had," she told approximately 3,000 friends, party leaders and supporters.

"We've had a wonderful run. But the time has come for the Bushes to step into the political leading roles and for the Reagans to step into the wings."

"Today the curtain begins to close on the Reagan era of the Republican Party," she said.

Births and deaths up in America

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, (AP): Americans had more babies in 1987 than in any year in nearly a quarter-century, but at the same time the nation recorded more deaths than any year in history.

A slight increase in fertility, coupled with the huge number of women in their prime childbearing years, resulted in an estimated 3,829,000 new arrivals last year, the most since 1964, the government's National Centre for Health Statistics reported yesterday in its preliminary statistical summary for 1987.

Deaths

Millions of people born in the post-World War II baby boom are now in their 20s and 30s and, after completing school and launching careers, have begun families.

That has led to a sharp increase in the total number of births in recent years, although the nation's rate of 66.1 births per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44 remains at about half that of the late 1950s, when the baby boom was at its peak.

The births in 1987 were up from 3,731,000 a year earlier. Deaths in 1987 totalled 2,127,000, up from 2,099,000 a year earlier and the most ever recorded for a single year in the United States.

Record numbers of deaths have become common in recent years with the nation's population growing and including an ever-larger share of elderly people.

Declined

Among causes of death, heart disease declined somewhat last year, as it has for the last several years, the report said. There was also a decline in the rate for accidents, other than those involving motor vehicles.

Death rates for other major causes of death did not show statistically significant changes.

However, the report for 1987 did include figures for AIDS for the first time, estimating between 12,450 and 13,820 deaths during the year from the disease. That would place AIDS 15th among the causes of death for Americans.

Israel sets up task ...

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Israeli news reports said soldiers beefed up patrols in Gaza, fearing further clashes despite a curfew imposed on Sunday night after a firebomb attack on Israeli civilians in which an eight-month-old baby was seriously burned.

The curfew also meant reporters were denied entry to Gaza except under military escort, although Jewish settlers were allowed into the seaside strip and armed supporters of Rabbi Meir Kahane launched patrols on a highway.

Hawkish Trade Minister Ariel

Sharon announced he would ask cabinet ministers from his rightist Likud Bloc tomorrow to endorse a proposal for extending Israeli law to parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Sharon said immediate action was necessary to head off Palestinian efforts to fill the gap created by Jordan's recent disengagement from the West Bank.

"I don't believe this vacuum will stay like that for a long time. Somebody will come in, and I think it will not take too long for a PLO government to be formed and they will announce a Palestinian state," Sharon told a news conference.

Iran pledges help to free West German hostage

BONN, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Iran has re-affirmed readiness to help secure the release of a West German held hostage by extremists in Lebanon, Bonn government sources said today.

Iran underlined its position in a letter from Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Musavi handed by his deputy, Javad Larjani, to West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher at a meeting in Frankfurt yesterday, the sources said.

The Bonn sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Musavi's letter did not specify when or under what conditions hostage Rudolf Cordes would be freed.

Musavi was responding to a letter written to him by Bonn Chancellor Helmut Kohl "some time ago," a source said.

Cordes was kidnapped in January 1987 after the arrest in Frankfurt of Mohammed Ali Hammadi on charges of air piracy and murder. Hammadi, a Lebanese Muslim, is now on trial in connection with the 1985 hijacking of a US airliner.

Iran voiced willingness earlier this year to help obtain the release of Cordes. West Germany in recent years has had better relations with Tehran than most Western countries.

Letters from Cordes were delivered earlier this month in West Germany by an Algerian-born emissary who said the chances were good that he would be freed.

Forest fires

ATHENS, Aug. 16, (AP): A farmer died and more than 15,000 acres (6,000 hectares) of woodland were destroyed in a dozen forest fires around Greece during a three-day holiday weekend, officials said today.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Elvis' first record

NEW YORK, Aug. 16, (AP): A high school friend of Elvis Presley said yesterday he has the king's first recording, a highly sought two-song disc Presley made for his mother in 1953.

Edwin S. Leek Jr., a retired airline pilot, said in a telephone interview that Elvis left the record in Leek's grandmother's house in Memphis 25 years ago.

"I saw him a few years later in Chicago, when he was first starting to make it, and I said, 'I still have that first record of yours. It's going to be worth a lot of money some day.'"

AIDS deaths

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, (AP): AIDS claimed about 13,000 Americans lives last year, a toll that would have ranked it 15th among all causes of death, according to the first annual government statistical summary to include the disease.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome was added to the annual summary of disease starting in 1987, the National Centre for Health Statistics reported yesterday.

The agency estimated that between 12,450 and 13,820 Americans died of AIDS last year.

Bus accident

NEW DELHI, Aug. 16, (AP): At least 16 passengers were killed and 21 others injured today when a bus plunged into a 90-metre (297-foot) ravine in the western state of Maharashtra, the United News of India reported.

The news agency said the accident occurred on a highway near the city of Pune, 120 kilometres (75 miles) southwest of the state capital, Bombay.

The state-owned bus started from Bombay yesterday on a trip to the district of Sangli, UNL said. Sixty-two passengers were on board.

Bomb kills 6

COLOMBO, Aug. 16, (AP): A time bomb exploded in a crowd in the eastern port city of Trincomalee today, killing at least six people and injuring 10 others, military officials said.

All the victims were believed to be government employees commuting to work, said the officials at Colombo's military command. The officials cannot be identified under briefing rules.

Gold seized

BOMBAY, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Indian investigators seized 358 kgs (789 pounds) of gold from a boat off west India's Gujarat state, a spokesman said today.

Mohib Ali, deputy director of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, told reporters the gold worth 113.6 million rupees (\$8.1 million) was seized off the port of Porbandar on Sunday night.

Seven Pakistani crewmen were arrested, he said.

Franjeh

to run in ...

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polls. The new president will be elected by the 76 surviving members of the 99-seat Parliament on Thursday at the Parliament House located on the Green Line battlefield dividing Beirut into a Christian East and a Muslim West.

Franjeh said in his statement he planned if elected to end the crisis and introduce political reforms by giving more power to Muslims in government — a main demand of pro-Syrian Lebanese allies in Lebanon.

"Let's put an end to this tragedy and embark on political reform. Let's unite as one hand sharing our fate for better or for worse," Franjeh said.

Israel would consider withdrawing its troops from south Lebanon if a strong, independent leader emerged in the Lebanese presidential elections, a senior Israeli official said in Tel Aviv.

Uri Lubrani, co-ordinator of government policy on Lebanon, said a Syrian-controlled president would divide Lebanese and plunge the country into "an ongoing state of turmoil."

He declined to single out a leader who would be acceptable to Israel but rejected Franjeh.

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A Sudanese man in Khartoum stands by a door, the only remaining item of his house which was completely destroyed by floods. (Reuters wirephoto)

Israeli F-15 jets collide

OCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 16, (UPI): Two Israeli F-15 fighter jets collided during a training flight over the Dead Sea area and crashed in the hills of the West Bank village of Bani Naim, Palestinian sources said today.

Three Palestinian girls on the ground were injured, one seriously, by debris from the accident that occurred Monday near the southern West Bank village of Bani Naim, Palestinian sources said.

An Army spokesman said the commander of the Israeli Air Force Maj Gen Avihu Bin-Nun had ordered an investigation to determine what caused the two sophisticated US-made aircraft to crash.

The two pilots were identified by the Jerusalem Post as Lt Col Ram Koller, 36, and Capt Ehud Falk, 33.

Villagers said the soldiers closed the area after the crash. More than 25 sheep, which the girls were herding, were killed. The villagers said they heard a huge blast and saw flames in the sky. Debris fell over a large area and gouged a deep hole near one Bedouin Arab tent, they said.

Flood-hit Sudanese face epidemics

KHARTOUM, Aug 16, (AP): A UN health official said that water-borne epidemics are expected to kill thousands of peasants, mostly children, who are cut off from supplies of clean drinking water by floods that left 1.5 million people homeless.

Dr Nicholas Ward, a World Health Organisation adviser on diarrheal diseases and immunisation, predicted that 400,000 people, most of them under five years old, would develop diarrhoea and other gastrointestinal diseases, and 4,000 of them would die.

Left untreated, as many as 40,000 people could perish, said Ward, who came to Sudan from his base in North Yemen to help coordinate the government's response to the health crisis resulting from the Aug 4-5 floods.

"I think we're already in the state where the number of child mortality cases are rising," he told Western journalists at the WHO offices in Khartoum.

Incidents of malaria and typhoid also are on the rise with cholera and imminent risk, and "our single biggest anxiety," said Ward.

"If some infected person is passing cholera into the water that his community drinks, every person in that community can get very sick very quickly," he said.

The government has recruited 300 extra doctors and medical students for about 120 emergency clinics and increase staff at 127 already-existing health units, he said.

Assistance

The Arab League has agreed to give Sudan \$500,000 from the Arab Fund for Social Action to help victims of the floods in Sudan, a league spokesman said today.

The executive bureau of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs agreed the emergency donation at a meeting at the league's headquarters in Tunis on Monday, he said.

Individual Arab states either have made or will make separate contributions to relief operations in Sudan, where the floods have made some two million people homeless, he added.

The first relief aid shipment from United Arab Emirates to flood-stricken Sudan left Abu Dhabi aboard an aircraft today for Khartoum.

Seoul refuses to ban Chun from leaving South Korea

SEOUL, Aug 16, (Reuters): South Korea today rejected a parliamentary motion seeking to ban former President Chun Doo Hwan and his wife from leaving the country, officials said.

Justice Minister Chung Hae-Chang told Parliament today his ministry decided not to impose a ban on the Chun's "out of courtesy" towards the former head of state.

"However, I will assume all responsibility if parliamentary investigation were to be hampered by any departure of the former president and Mrs Chun from the country," government officials quoted Chung as saying. The minister did not elaborate.

The motion was rammed through a special parliamentary committee session attended only by opposition legislators two weeks ago after members of President Roh Tae-Woo's ruling Democratic Justice Party walked out of the meeting.

The committee was formed last month to investigate alleged corruption and abuse of power during Chun's seven years of authoritarian rule that ended last February. It comprises 17 members from three opposition parties and 13 from the government party.

Ministry sources said Chun appeared to have given personal assurances that he would not go into exile abroad despite mounting public criticism to him and his relatives.

Meanwhile, radical student leaders said today they would not give up their anti-government struggle, but admitted they had failed to gain public support to share the Summer Olympics with communist North Korea.

Leaders told some 1,500 cheering supporters at Yonsei University in Seoul they would continue to press for reunification of the divided Korean peninsula. They also said they would have to make a greater effort to gain public support.

"We have to admit the road to unification is still too far and there lie many difficulties ahead. Further struggle is called for," said one student leader, Oh Yung-Shik.

Riot police blocked students who tried to march out of Yonsei Monday to go the border town of Panmunjom for reunification talks with North Korean student delegates.

Police arrested about 2,000 students Monday who took part in demonstrations in Seoul after dispersing marchers with tear gas and beating protesters. Most of the students were warned and released.

The government banned the march and the meeting with the North Korean students as a threat to national security. Police also blocked a similar march June 10.

New violence flared today at Sogang University when students hurled firebombs and rocks at riot police after plainclothes police staged a raid and arrested 10 students.

Students held a rally at Yonsei today to review events and consider further action.

The students, many of them from colleges around the nation, left Yonsei for home after riot police surrounding the campus withdrew.

Fighting continues in Kunduz

Rebel rockets hit Kabul

MOSCOW, Aug 16, (Reuters): Muslim rebels fired up to 10 rockets at Kabul in the past two days, killing five people and wounding 11 in the Afghan capital, the Soviet news agency Tass said today.

Tass said 42 rebel rockets hit the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad on Monday as the Soviet Union announced it had completed the first half of its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan. Six civilians were killed and as many wounded.

In the northern provincial capital of Kunduz, near the Soviet border, fighting between Afghan government forces and the rebels continued to rage, Tass said.

Afghan President Najibullah said on Monday that government forces had recaptured the town from rebels who seized it after Soviet troops withdrew last week.

"Violent battles are continuing in the area of Kunduz, the administrative centre of the province of that name," Tass said.

Quoting the Afghan news agency Bakhtar, it said govern-

ment forces had killed up to 100 rebels in the past 24 hours in Kunduz, which lies 60 km south of the Soviet border.

It said the rebels had caused "significant destruction" in Kunduz and many residents were fighting "shoulder to shoulder" with the Afghan Army to head off the guerrilla offensive.

General Boris Gromov, the commander of Soviet forces in Afghanistan, on Sunday reported the fall of Kunduz to the rebels and said Soviet troops would not help the Afghan Army recapture the town.

Control

At a news conference in Kabul on Monday, punctuated by the sound of rocket explosions, Najibullah said government forces had pushed back the rebels and regained control of Kunduz.

Tass said Afghan security forces had discovered eight rockets in the Pagman and Charasab areas of Kabul province which were being readied for an attack on the Afghan capital.

In a government statement issued on Monday, the Soviet Union specifically complained about the recent spate of rebel

rocket attacks on Kabul. It accused Pakistan of responsibility by supplying the guerrillas with weaponry.

Moscow announced on Monday that it had withdrawn 50 per cent of its 100,000 troops from Afghanistan in compliance with quadripartite accords signed in Geneva last April.

Despite the recapture of the city, seen as an important test for the Afghan government, the situation in Kunduz and the nearby provinces of Takhar and Kunar remains "very complicated," Najibullah told reporters on Monday.

The second stage of the pull-out, involving the remaining 50,000 men, is due to start in November and be completed by mid-February.

Speed

Radical Afghan guerrilla leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar said the fear of high losses had forced the Soviet Union to modify its withdrawal plan, meaning its troops might leave earlier.

Rather than pulling out some men from each unit, the Soviet Union had instead withdrawn

completely from the east, south and south-west of the country, further weakening the position of the Afghan Army, Hekmatyar told reporters in Islamabad.

Western diplomats said rebels attacked Kunduz two days after Soviet soldiers left and held it until the middle of last week. Had the rebels been able to hold it, it would have been the first provincial capital to fall to them.

With Lieutenant-General Boris Gromov, making clear that his men would not go back to help retake Kunduz, the battle for the city was seen as an important test of the Afghan Army's strength, the diplomats said.

Najibullah said he remained confident Afghan forces would be able to fill the gap left by withdrawing Soviet forces.

Empty words

"The flamboyant statements of the extremists on the immediate occupation of towns and provinces remain to date empty words," he told reporters.

But Najibullah admitted his national reconciliation policy and attempts to build a broad coalition government were having only limited success.

Indonesia to seek Non-Aligned leadership

JAKARTA, Aug 16, (UPI): President Suharto said today Indonesia will seek the chairmanship of the Non-Aligned Movement but vowed a greater world profile would not impede its role in a six-member pact of Asian nations.

Speaking in parliament on the 43rd anniversary of Indonesia's independence from the Netherlands, Suharto said the nation's main focus in foreign affairs would be to strengthen the Association of South-East Asian Nations.

Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Brunei make up the 21-year-old non-military alliance.

But he said Indonesia, which was at the forefront of the Non-Aligned Movement in the 1950s to end colonial rule, would not drop out of the race to take over from Zimbabwe as chairman of the 101-nation organisation.

"Our foreign policy shows a careful calculation and a realistic awareness of our position, and the role we can play," said Suharto before an audience of 1,000 military and civil dignitaries, including foreign diplomats.

"We also regard the Non-Aligned summit conference as an extremely important forum," Suharto, 67, said in his 90-minute speech.

Decision

Indonesia, with 175 million people the world's fifth most-populated nation, is locked in a fierce battle with Nicaragua for the leadership of the Non-Aligned Movement for its next three-year period. A decision must be reached next month by consensus at the ministerial meeting in Cyprus.

"Our stand and steps we have taken in this context are very clear, both in facing the arms race among the major world powers, in facing developments in South-east Asia, in Afghanistan, in the Middle East and in facing the racist policy and apartheid in South Africa," Suharto said, looking at the ambassadors from Non-Aligned countries seated to his left in the parliament.

Jakarta advocates disarmament, worked to bring together last month in Indonesia the warring factions in the Cambodian conflict, has contributed soldiers to the UN observer group to monitor the ceasefire along the Iraq-Iran border and has no diplomatic relations with Pretoria.

Suharto has indicated he would like to chair the movement to crown his quarter of a century as a world leader.

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Dejected lover attacks 25 women in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Aug 16, (Reuters): A factory worker was so upset when his girlfriend ended their affair that he attacked 25 women with an axe, the China news service said today.

Lu Chiang, 22, was caught by police last month, the agency said in a report monitored in Hong Kong.

Police said that over a 10-month period Lu cycled through the darkened streets of the central Chinese city to Xuzhou looking for victims.

He told police he wanted revenge after his girlfriend deserted him. "I will keep on chopping girls as long as I am at large," he said. None of his victims died.

Bird's nests are becoming popular booty for Hong Kong thieves as police reported today the second robbery in two days of the expensive soup ingredient.

Two men posing as customers tied up employees of a central district company and snatched 30 kilograms (66 pounds) of bird's nests worth 450,000 Hong Kong dollars (about \$57,700) this afternoon, a police statement said. No arrests were reported in the case.

On Monday, burglars broke into another local business and made off with nearly 41 kilograms (90 pounds) of bird's nest with an estimated value of 77,000.

Police spokesman Peter Tiu acknowledged that back-to-back bird's nest heists are unusual in this British colony. He said police did not yet know if the cases were related.

Burmese plan more protests

Troops move into Rangoon

BANGKOK, Aug 16, (Reuters): Burmese troops backed by light tanks moved into central Rangoon today to deter new protests against the country's authoritarian government as it prepared to choose a third leader in a month, diplomats said.

The Rangoon-based diplomats, contacted from Bangkok, said a column of trucks carrying soldiers rolled into the city centre, accompanied by light tanks and armoured personnel carriers.

It was the first time troops had appeared in such strength there since Sein Lwin quit as Burmese leader last Friday after just 18 days in power, halting bloody protests his appointment had sparked.

"It's fairly quiet, but very tense," said one diplomat.

Diplomats said some posters appearing in Rangoon called for

new protests on Wednesday to put pressure on the party and parliament when they choose a new leader on Friday.

The diplomats said it was hard to see any candidate who would satisfy students leading the prolonged agitation against the Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP).

They said nothing short of the dismantling of Burma's only political organisation would satisfy the students, whose earlier protests forced Ne Win to resign on July 23.

Concessions

"The crucial question is how much of a concession the party feels it has to make to pacify the general population knowing that nothing it does short of suicide will satisfy the students," one said.

Under Ne Win's autocratic 26-year rule Burma, once one of

Asia's richer countries, became one of the world's poorest. A wave of protests through the country this year exploded in a national insurrection last week that diplomats said left hundreds dead.

"My feeling is that we're heading for more trouble," said one diplomat.

Posters avidly read by the people of Rangoon continued to urge opposition and non-cooperation with the authorities, especially around Rangoon general hospital, which had become a rallying point for anti-government feeling, the diplomats said.

US Embassy

The United States said on Monday it had reopened its embassy in Rangoon and would provide emergency medical supplies to treat victims of last week's protests against the Burmese government.

Anti-communist campaign

Aquino claims massive support

MANILA, Aug 16, (Reuters): Philippine President Corazon Aquino today claimed massive popular support for her war against communist rebels, using a new opinion poll to hit back at her rebellious vice-president and other critics.

A new nationwide poll conducted last month gave Aquino 88 per cent support for volunteer "community peace-keeping" moves, which included controversial civilian vigilante groups.

The poll, one of a series conducted for the government by the Gallup-linked Asia Research Organisation, said 53 per cent of the people polled thought the insurgency was not particularly serious and suggested increasing

popular support for the 160,000-strong armed forces.

Forty per cent believed the Army was clearly winning the 19-year-old insurgency against three per cent who believed the New People's Army was gaining strength.

"This goes to prove very conclusively that the government is winning the battle for hearts and minds," Aquino's spokesman Teodoro Benigno told reporters.

Reinforcements

Meanwhile, the military said it had fielded four battalions and bombers to "get even" with up to 2,000 guerrillas scattered throughout an area where rebels kidnapped five soldiers and held them hostage for 74 days before

freeing them at the weekend.

"This is the first time the armed forces is concentrating so much firepower in one area. If we have to concentrate all our forces in Quezon, we will," said Colonel Hernani Figueroa.

Vice-President Salvador Laurel today again criticised the government for being soft on the rebels in a theme he has constantly hammered since splitting with Aquino last October.

Laurel, who plays a marginal role in government and rarely sees the President, said Aquino should abandon her "neither here nor there" policy against insurgents and accused her of being excessively concerned with maintaining her popularity.

Khmer Rouge announces peace plan for Kampuchea

BANGKOK, Aug 16, (UPI): The Khmer Rouge resistance group today announced a peace plan for Kampuchea that included its own dissolution and measures to prevent its return to sole power.

Analysts said the plan, which included 12 specific points, made apparent concessions to the demands of the other three Kampuchean parties seeking a political solution to the nine-year-old conflict in Kampuchea.

"Effective measures should be taken to prevent Democratic Kampuchea (the Khmer Rouge) from returning to power alone and abusing others," said the peace plan broadcast by the clandestine Khmer Rouge radio.

The Khmer Rouge are accused of radical communist policies and internal purges that led to the deaths of 1 to 2 million Kampuchians during their rule from 1975 to 1979.

Withdrawal

The peace plan, signed by Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan, also demanded the withdrawal of the Vietnamese Army which invaded Kampuchea, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge regime on Jan 7, 1979.

It said the Vietnamese withdrawal should be accompanied by the dissolution of the Democratic Kampuchea government and the People's Republic of Kampuchea — the government set up by Vietnam.

In its place would be a provisional four-party government headed by moderate Kampuchean resistance leader Prince

Norodom Sihanouk, the broadcast said.

The Khmer Rouge agreed for the first time to put the armed forces of all four parties "in garrisons under the control and supervision of a four-party Kampuchean committee and under international control and supervision."

Previously Sihanouk had expressed fears the Khmer Rouge, militarily most powerful of the three resistance groups, would seize power following a Vietnamese troop withdrawal.

Reinforced

Both the Khmer Rouge and the pro-Hanoi government in Phnom Penh have resisted the idea of international control.

Four killed in Sikh attack

AMRITSAR, Aug 16, (AP): Suspected Sikh radicals today shot and killed a Sikh police informer and three of his bodyguards in a pre-drawn attack on a farmhouse, police said.

At least five radicals armed with AK-47 automatic rifles attacked the farmhouse of Jagtar Singh in the village of Mudh, about 70 kilometres south of here, senior superintendent of police Izhar Alam said.

He said the militants shot and killed Jagtar Singh's son, Surjit, and three of his bodyguards after separating them from the woman and children of the household. Surjit Singh had provided infor-

mation to police leading to the capture of two militants in recent months, he said. Jagtar Singh was injured in the attack.

No arrests were reported.

Sikh insurgents engaged in a violent campaign for an independent homeland in the northern state of Punjab have vowed to kill moderate fellow-Sikhs who do not support their agitation.

Two of the bodyguards killed today were Sikhs and one was a Hindu.

Suspected militants also shot and killed two Sikhs, the Press Trust of India news agency reported. The killings raise to 1,709 the number of people killed in Punjab during the separatist campaign this year.

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'Firdous Rambo' sentenced to death

THE Criminal Court on Sunday sentenced a man known as "Firdous Rambo" to death after finding him guilty of premeditated murder, possessing firearms without a licence, resisting the authorities and disturbing and firing at the police and the public.

The accused, whose real name is Faraj, surrendered to the police after having held his family hostage for three days. During the siege, he fired at the police, killed a young man and injured a boy.

The sentence was issued in absentia because the accused was not released from the central jail to attend the session.

Community participation to combat deadly disease

Kuwait sets up new AIDS committee

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT has appointed a new permanent committee on AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) to ensure broader community participation in prevention and treatment of the deadly disease.

The number of permanent members was raised from six to 15, and for the first time a dentist, a lawyer, a religious scholar and representatives from the Ministries of Education, Interior and Foreign Affairs will sit on the AIDS committee.

This means that not only medical but also social, legal and religious aspects of the disease will be given due attention. The chairman of the committee is the Health Ministry Undersecretary Dr Nael Al Nageeb,



Dr Al Nageeb: chairman

whose professional and personal authority will further boost the work of the committee. Dr Kazim Behbehani of Kuwait's Medical Faculty is committee co-ordinator.

The committee, set up in July, will formulate the general policy aimed at curbing the spread of the disease in the country and at providing treatment for AIDS carriers. Twenty carriers, four Kuwaitis and 16 foreigners have been identified in Kuwait. The expatriate AIDS carriers have been deported.

The committee will also set up a public awareness campaign aimed primarily at youth and propose legislation enabling health workers to prevent the spread of the disease.

The committee will also introduce effective preventative measures. The ministerial order spelling out the committee's task, says the committee will strive to strike a balance between public interest and individual rights. The order also stresses the need for respect for local social norms.

The committee has pledged to develop ways to supervise high risk groups, to promote research and exchange information with other countries and international research centres. There are also plans to devise training programmes for health workers dealing with AIDS.

Sub-committee
Experts in Kuwait say the next important step will be setting up sub-committees to carry out the recommendations of the permanent committee. The experts say at least six sub-committees will be established to deal with public education campaigns, laboratory diagnosis, treatment and follow-up care, epidemiology, research and social and legal aspects of AIDS. The group called for counselling, so the disease can be dealt with in an efficient and humane manner.



The Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah receiving copies of the credentials of the Austrian ambassador accredited to Kuwait.

Sheikh Sabah gets Cuban message

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah yesterday received a message from his Cuban counterpart.

Sheikh Sabah said the message dealt with the forthcoming non-aligned conference, scheduled to convene in Cyprus, and with nominees for non-permanent members in the UN Security Council.

The message was delivered by the Cuban ambassador to Kuwait.

Meanwhile, Minister of Planning Abdul Rahman Al Awadi yesterday received, Algerian Ambassador to Kuwait Al Hasnawi Khaldi at the end of his mission here.

King Fahd gets message from Khaddafi

RIYADH, Aug 16, (KUNA): Libyan Foreign Minister Jadhallah Azuq Al Talhi yesterday returned home after visiting Saudi Arabia, where he conveyed a message to Saudi King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz from Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi.

Talhi toured a number of Arab Gulf states and delivered messages to their leaders from Khaddafi on an Arab unity project.

Meanwhile, Libyan envoy to the Arab League Abdul Aati Al Obaidy arrived in Baghdad today after a three-day visit to Jordan.

In Amman, the Libyan envoy delivered a message to King Hussein of Jordan from Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi on the proposed Arab unity project.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saeed Al Abdullah Al Sabah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

HH the Amir also received State Minister for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Rifai who introduced to HH Jasssem Khalifa Ahmad Al Jasssem after his appointment as assistant Undersecretary in Kuwait Municipality.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saeed Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday received Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah, State Minister for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Rifai and president of the Kuwait Olympic committee Sheikh Salman Al Himoud.

Sheikh Saeed also received the West German ambassador to Kuwait.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Shamir ridiculed

A LOCAL daily today lashed out at Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir for his warning to use an "iron fist" to foil any attempt to form a Palestinian government in the occupied Arab territories.

Commenting in a front-page editorial, the daily ridiculed Shamir's ways of accomplishing his goals through force, arrogance and extremism. The newspaper said methods have failed in Lebanon and will be "tragically" thwarted in Palestine.

The daily affirmed that Israel not only faces the threat of the Palestinian uprising, but also the danger of Shamir and his force-oriented fields, who still live in dreamland.

The newspaper said the Palestinian uprising has changed the thinking of Israelis who once thought that they had all the winning cards. The daily also said the recent Jordanian measures put the Israelis in a face-to-face confrontation with Palestinians.

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THE Malaysian and Bangladeshi contingents of the UN peace-keeping force stopped in Kuwait yesterday on their way to Baghdad where they will monitor the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, due to go into effect on Saturday.

The Bangladeshi Ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin and other embassy officials received the delegation at the airport. The Malaysian soldiers were received by Malaysian Second Secretary Nazrudin Bin Salleh. Pictures show the Malaysian contingent (below) and Bangladeshi contingent (top).

Shaheen briefed on Sudan floods

KUWAIT'S Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Majid Al Shaheen conferred yesterday with the Sudanese Charge d'Affaires here Hassan Ibrahim Jad Karim who briefed him on latest developments in flood-ravaged Sudan.

Jad Karim told KUNA that he informed Al Shaheen about the recent wave of floods that swept Khartoum and the northern, central, eastern and Kordofan regions.

He said the meeting centred on the nature of additional assistance to be given by Kuwait in light of the new developments.

The Sudanese official hailed Kuwait for its generous assistance to Sudan.

He said Kuwait is presently sending four plane-loads of supplies to Sudan every day.

Yemeni pilot buried

ADEN, Aug 16, (Reuters): A South Yemeni military pilot was killed when his Soviet MiG fighter crashed during a training flight over the capital, officials said today.

The officials, who did not designate the type of MiG fighter, said Soviet-trained First Lieutenant Mahmoud Salam was buried today.

According to the International Institute for Strategic Studies, Marxist-ruled South Yemen has five MiG-17Fs and 12 MiG-21s.

Telephones for chalets

TELECOMMUNICATIONS Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan said yesterday HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saeed Al Abdullah instructed the ministry to examine the possibility of providing chalets with telephone service and to report to the government as soon as possible.

Increased prosperity expected

NASER Al Ajeel, acting director general of public administration at Shuaiba Industrial Area, has said that the end of the Iraq-Iran war will mark the beginning of a period of increased prosperity in the area.

He added that Kuwait will play a major role in activating the economy of the area through its various facilities, such as Shuaiba Industrial Area and its port.

Export
Al Ajeel went on to say that Shuaiba is a model for other industrial areas. Established as a base for the export of oil and petrochemical products, the industrial area occupies 23.6

million square metres, and is divided into two parts which are separated by the Fahaheel motorway.

The eastern part is closed and has been designated for the oil and petrochemical industries, while the western part handles chemical engineering and construction materials industries.

Expansion
Shuaiba also has several industrial facilities and services. The area contains 35 factories for 29 companies.

Al Ajeel pointed out that the area offers considerable opportunities for Kuwaitis and that the number of Kuwaiti workers increased from 19.4 per cent in

1987 to 28.2 per cent at the end of last June.

He also noted that, in accordance with the state's Five-Year Plan, the administration is working to increase this percentage further. He said 78 per cent of leading jobs in the area were held by Kuwaitis by the end of last June.

He also mentioned various expansion projects in the area. They include fire fighting network using sea water, the improvement and reconstruction of some main roads in the area and a project to establish a station for treating industrial water and reusing it in irrigation projects.

Divers complain

A GROUP of divers who participated in the fifth Marine Week recently has aired their grievances.

They told the daily Al Sayasah they represent 45 members of the diving school.

The members joined training courses at Al Bida Sea Club before participating in the Marine Week.

Dived
After the training course, participants were divided into two teams bound for Kheiran. One team left by bus, and the other by dhows, they said.

However, on arrival the bus travellers were astonished to see

that a tent had been allocated for them, while those who had arrived by dhows were given chalets. They also said the captains refused to stay in tents.

Their complaints to officials received negative responses, they said. They also said that they were not allowed to participate in the diving competition.

Promises
The group has complained to the organisers. They also complained that they were treated as workers rather than divers during the sea voyage. The group said the promises of financial rewards have not materialised either.

People shun symposium

A LOCAL daily interviewed public welfare societies to ascertain the response to specialised symposiums and lectures conducted by the societies.

The head of the Safety Society, Subah Al Rayes, said that any gathering or symposium is primarily intended for the public. Unfortunately, most attendees are organisers or specialists themselves, he added.

Therefore, he said it is inadvisable to hold such lectures.

He stated that publishing lectures in newspapers or magazines is an expensive process and most public welfare societies have limited funds. However, he conceded the lectures are a good way to spread awareness and said attendance by the press at such lectures is vital to success.

Jha meets Sheikh Nasser

INDIAN Ambassador N.N. Jha yesterday met with Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour.

They discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral co-operation in the various social and labour fields, and other matters of mutual concern.

Lecture on pollution

KUWAIT'S Environment Protection Council, in co-operation with a number of local institutions organised a lecture to inform the public about effects of pollution on marine life.

Dr Saleh Al Muzaini of the environmental science department of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research attributed pollution to several factors including: sewage water, liquid wastes of industrial installations, oil tankers and other marine ships, residual hot water from industrial installations, chemicals, salts, organic materials and other materials which easily decompose.

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May His Soul Rest in Peace

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VIDEO CORNER

Fat fixers and hoodlums

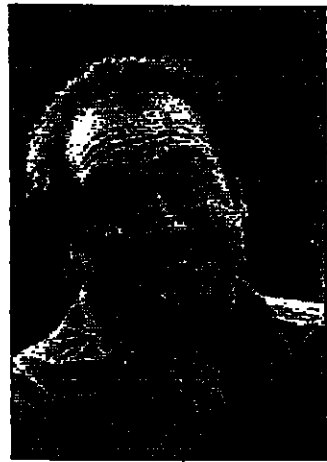
By Gail Seery

HAVE just returned from England, where *Throw Momma from the Train* is showing in cinemas all over the country. I thoroughly enjoyed the film, which I reviewed in this column several months ago, but had been told that it was not a patch on Danny De Vito's other films.

I was quite prepared not to like *Wise Guys*: when people assure me that I will love a film, I generally find myself wondering exactly what I'm supposed to have enjoyed about it, and more to the point, exactly what conception of me the person concerned has.

Indeed early signs were not promising. The film starts slowly in semi-sepia tones, and didn't seem as if it was going to have the pace to be truly interesting. The opening, with its somewhat contrived view of the home life of the two main protagonists, Harry Valentin and Mo Dickstein seemed a little too stereotyped for even De Vito's idiosyncratic humour to lift it very far. I wondered whether I was going to be able to stick it until the end.

I was wrong. Within minutes we had heard Harry being handed a set of keys and told to "start the car" and the whole



Danny De Vito, the pint-sized star of *Wise Guys*.

pace of the film changed. Harry is played by the pint-sized Danny De Vito. He and his best friend Mo, portrayed by Joe Piscopo work for a small-time gangster in New Jersey. This is not a job I would bother applying for. The gangster is not a very nice man at all, and his fat fixer, is not even as nice as him. Harry and Mo are not exactly hardened hoodlums either — they get to buy the groceries, collect the dry cleaning, and once, when their luck appears to them to have changed they are sent to buy some tropical fish. Harry is a compulsive gam-

bler. Told by the fixer to put "Ten grand on the number two horse in race 2" they are convinced that their boss will lose as usual, and place it instead on Harry's "baby". It isn't hard to guess what happens. The two wise guys are roughed up considerably, and then each is told that he can clear himself by killing the other — but not told that the survivor will be killed by the fat fixer.

There are some beautiful slapstick moments, such as when one of the waiters tries to tip them off, and is shot. He has chosen a church for the meeting. "Do like I do," he counsels them, and they do — until they discover that he has not been indulging in some mysterious Catholic rite, but has in fact just been shot by the fat fixer.

The film is not new, as it was first released in 1986, but for those of you who missed it when it first came out, it's worth a try. Although Danny De Vito the film would be nothing, but then as he's on screen most of the time, that isn't much of a problem.

I do wonder however, what the motive behind having so much bad language was — perhaps they were worried about the film's image if it went on general release? There is certainly nothing more shocking than the four letter words.

By Shaun Seekins

BRIGHT Lights, **Big City** is very much a change of pace for teen-idol Michael J. Fox. Seeing Fox as a big time loser, immersed in his own drug and booze induced hell will come as a shock to his many fans. In the beginning one has a certain sympathy for Fox who plays an aspiring young writer, Jamie Conway, working for a long established New York magazine while waiting for his book to be published. He is also nearing the bottom of a downward spiral that was apparently started when his wife (Phoebe Gates) left him to become a fashion model. He also has trouble coping with the fact that his mother died a painful death from cancer.

As the picture progresses, though, the audience learns that Jamie's cocaine-fueled existence began long before his wife left. He has not been pushed into using the drug because of any emotional trauma: he simply likes doing it.

Interspersed with flashbacks of the year since his mother's death, the film follows Jamie from lavatory to lavatory as he snorts drugs and downs double vodkas at the bar, ignoring both his work and phone calls from his brother.

Sympathetic

Although the film avoids the "monkey on my back" kind of anti drug bent that might be expected it does push the message that what starts as recreational use can eventually take over one's life.

Fox does an adequate job of making the audience sympathetic towards his not always likable but nice guy character. As he's hardly ever off-screen, he bears a lot of responsibility for the eventual success or failure of the film. He is well supported by Kiefer Sutherland who plays Fox' rich friend, the "evil

influence" that draws him into the world of drugs, women and booze. Tad Tallagash plays a cool yuppie, a name to watch out for in the future. France Sternhagen gives a lovely performance as Fox' boss who, driven to distraction, finally fires him.

The film was marked by a change of director three weeks into the shooting when it was taken over by James Bridges who has made a habit of handling middle class social problems with films like *Mike's Murder*, *Urban Cowboy* and *Perfect*.

Bright Lights, Big City did well on its opening in the US and although unlikely to appeal to everyone, the appeal of the big name actors should ensure a reasonable success worldwide.

Modern Girls is a new teenage comedy with a fast moving rock score. It tells the story of three young girls who live in the same flat. Kelly (Virginia Madsen) is the blonde, Margaret the brunette and CC the redhead. When Cluffy (Clayton Rohner) comes on the scene looking for Kelly, the other two decide to tag along on the date. There then follows a wild night out, with the quartet going from disco to disco. Eventually love blossoms along the way and the somewhat nerdy Cluffy gets more and more "with it" as the story advances.

Furore

With the recent furore over the release (albeit shrouded) of *Cry Freedom* in South Africa, attention is focused on several other films based on the situation there. *Mandela* is a made-for-TV production about the life of the detained black nationalist leader. A *Place of Weeping* has many of the qualities of the traditional western. The settlers are the blacks and the evil exploitive landowners are the whites. The govern-

ment is miles away and totally ignored by everyone. In this story the handsome stranger who rides into town is a journalist for a liberal newspaper, researching a story about faction wars. But here there are no faction wars, just the occasional black death, caused by farmers mistreating their workers, which are then blamed on the faction wars. One such death leads our hero to insist that the blacks should take their evidence to the police. However the police are in the pockets of the evil farmers and this threat just results in more beatings. Fortunately the cavalry, in the shape of a rebel black force hidden away in the hills, are on their way.

Buried

City of Blood also has a message, although it's so deeply buried, unlike the bloody mutilated bodies, that it's not apparent at first glance. Black tribesmen have invoked the help of their ancestors to help them get rid of the whites, but in a series of grisly killings, the white hookers seem to take the brunt of the violence. The main character is a pathologist who has a battle with his conscience over whether or not to sign a false death certificate for a black leader who has died during police interrogation, many murders later he resolves the problem in a spectacular fashion.

James Coburn and Kate Nelligan star in *Crossover*, a case of "the bitter bit". Coburn plays a medical orderly in a mental home who eventually decides that it's easier to join the patients than to care for them.

MTV music is available along with several new releases for children.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Fintas/Farwaniya; Video Nauf, Salmiya; or Video Club, Salmiya. Tel: 5724372.



Arab Times Bingo No. 65 winners received their prizes yesterday. From left are: Saleh Mohd. Shamsuddin (first full house), Arthur Jerald D'Silva (top line), Mathew Fernandes (second full house) and Sherine E. Abraham (third full house).

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus

Jaws: the Revenge

Al Salmiya

Rambo III

Starring: Sylvester Stallone

Al Hamra

Cries in the Night

Drive-In

Da'arb Al Geeda'an

Starring: Yousif Sha'ban

Al Firdous

Hum Farishte Nahin

(Hindi)

Starring: Raj Babbar, Poonam, Om Puri

Fahad Open-Air

Vidhaata (Hindi)

Al Fahad

Asdeka Al Shaitan

Al Jahra

Who's That Girl?

Starring: Madonna

Granada

Laila Al Qabd Ala Bakiza

Sulabikhat

Oru Minnaminunginte

Nurugu Vettam (Mala-

yalam)

Al Jeeb

Wartime

Ahmadi Drive-In

Shaitan Min Asal



Om Puri co-stars with Raj Babbar and Poonam in *Hum Farishte Nahin*.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9:00 Holy Quran
9:30 Space Adventures
10:15 Ibn Al Jabal
11:15 Bu Saleh Youreed
Halla: local serial starring Ibrahim Al Salal, Ali Al Mufidi, Mariam Al Ghadban, Zainab Al Dhahi and Daoud Hussain
12:00 News
12:15 Cultural film
1:00 News
1:05 World Today via satellite
1:50 Variety show
2:30 Al Ajmha
3:30 Cartoons
4:15 Foreign feature film
6:00 Bundok and Budokha: serial for children
7:00 Traffic seminar
7:45 Popular paintings
8:30 Waqalat Al Arab
9:00 News
9:45 Al Saqqiyah
10:45 Hekayat Min Al Badiyah: starring Miad Awad, Ashraf Abazah and Hassan Ibrahim
11:45 News summary
11:50 World today via satellite, Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6:00 Holy Quran
6:10 Cartoon serial Hea-theelit
6:44 Special sports programme on the qualifying Group (I)

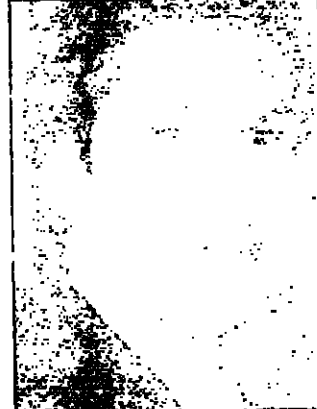
RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning
0800 Opening
0805 Songs and Music
0815 Writers and Poets in Arabic Literature
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Golden Collections
0930 Album Tracks
1000 Cur Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 Music With a Theme
1100 Closedown
1330 News on FM Service

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newscast
30 Omnibus
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Report on Religion
45 Country Style
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 A-Z of Hollywood word
30 Citizens
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 The Pop Science Programme
0400 Newscast
30 Country Stories
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Report on Religion
45 The World Today
0600 Newscast
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Development '88
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Classical Record Review
30 Brain of Britain 1988 (ex 31st)
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by



More excitement in LA Law, KTV-2 at 10.48 pm.

matches for under 16
Asian Soccer Cup
7:10 Live telecast of football match between Kuwait and North Yemen
8:00 News in English
8:15 2nd half of football match
9:00 O'Hara: Sarah, a friend of O'Hara's late wife seeks help and protection from the FBI
9:40 Wildlife On One: "Meerfats United" A look at the meerkat, an inhabitant of the Kalahari desert.
10:10 Sledge Hammer: "Ice Breaker"
10:48 LA Law
11:48 News summary; Magazine d'Actualite Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

Sports Roundup
45 Folk in Britain (ex 10th and 24th Jazz Scene UK)
1000 News Summary followed by Omnibus
30 Trivia Test Match
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Country Stories
30 Meridian
1200 Radio Newscast
15 Time for Verse
25 The Farming World
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Development '88
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 Report on Religion
1500 Radio Newscast
15 Three Wishes
30 Radio Active
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Hitting the High Notes
45 The World Today

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 French Hour
1800 Pops
1900 Be Our Guest
2130 News
2145 Pops
2200 Famous Classical Works
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Rarumental Music
0200 Closedown

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behneme Qual
1915 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Subha-e-Nau
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Hidayate Rabbani
2100 Closedown

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.53 am
Zuhr	11.52
Asr	3.27 pm
Maghreb	6.25 am
Isha	7.48

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

SOCIAL

Country Western Musical

The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual country and western musical to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 2523911 ext. 2346 or Nola Anderson 2428366.

Indonesian Independence Day

On the occasion of the 43rd anniversary of the independence of Indonesia, a flag hoisting ceremony will be held at the embassy, Nuzha Main St., Plot 3, Villa 32, on Aug 17 at 8:00 am. Members of the Indonesian community are cordially invited.

Indonesian get-together

To celebrate Indonesia's Independence day, there will be an evening of music and songs at the Ambassador's residence at Surra, Plot 6, Street 9, Villa 3, on Aug 18 at 7:30 pm. Members of the Indonesian community are cordially invited.

Indian Arts Circle

The Indian Arts Circle will stage a programme at 7.30 pm, Aug 18, to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence. All Indians are cordially invited.

Onam Festival

The Viswabhharathi Theatres, Abhaya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part, contact Lazar Varghese — 1314511, Thomas Perumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese — 2422973.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Sheraton Hotel on September 1 at 8:30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens, Top Dances and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J. D'Sa at 4501279, 3981790, 3924659.

Arca Sporting Centre

Arca Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent AS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Guns and Next of Kin. Further details later.

Malayalam debate

A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The last one is on: The different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19).

The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun 4814477.

HOTELS

At the Ramada

Al Gandouf Grill Garden, open 7pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water-pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open every day 7 pm to 11 pm.

Take away counter, open daily 4pm to 11pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, plus fish and chips. Tea, coffee, juices, cakes and pastries are available at the Ramada Al Salam lounge, open 10am to 11pm; icecream promotion daily.

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed on Friday.

Al Hamra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous brunch buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At the Kuwait Plaza Hotel

The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Light snacks and ice-cream are available at the International Food Arcade; open 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm; live entertainment provided.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food at dinner on Thursday and at lunch on Friday.

The Darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

On Wednesday, join the Shahrzad barbecue at the pool-

side; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gymnasiums with saunas, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

At the Meridian

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings. Mango promotion, featuring wide variety of mango preparations, until Aug 31.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6:30 am to midnight.

At the Failaka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Bank provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12:30 pm and 7:30-11:30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special — coconut pie — are available at La Palaiserie. Open daily 10:30 am - 10:45 pm.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahad.

Masters Bowling Tournament

The second Masters Tournament, open to both men and women, will be held on Aug 25-26 and Sept 1-2 at 300 Silver Tower (behind US embassy). The deadline for registration is Aug 23. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe d'Souza 4813622.

PBAK meeting

PBAK will have an officers' meeting on Aug 18 at the Pullman hotel at 7:30 pm. Discussion will centre on various forthcoming tournaments.

★ All entries for the What's On

column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

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Al Kawthar Pharmacy

Abdullah Al Mubarak St.,

opp. Murqab police station.

Hawalli and Nagra

Hawalli Pharmacy

Tunis St., Hawalli

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ART may make a suit of clothes, but nature must produce a man — David Hume, Scottish philosopher (1711-1776).

United Nations making a comeback

By Victoria Graham

UNITED NATIONS. (AP): After years of being scorned as ineffective, the United Nations is making a comeback as a potent instrument of international peacemaking, an old idea whose time has come again.

Blue-helmeted UN peace-keeping troops are peering through binoculars from the beaches of Cyprus to the mountains of Afghanistan. About 350 soon will monitor a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, and they are likely to be deployed in southern Africa and Kampuchea under emerging peace pacts.

The United Nations owes its revitalized role to the superpowers' improved relations and their interest in redirecting resources from regional conflict to economic development. If the organisation is on a roll, it is because the superpowers have decided the time has come to exploit it.

Recent mediation between Iran and Iraq, leading to a planned ceasefire Aug 20 in their 8-year-old war, has been the major accomplishment of Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and the Security Council.

It followed a UN-brokered settlement in April between Afghanistan and Pakistan, providing for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan after nearly nine years.

The Afghan settlement was the culmination of years of patient diplomacy. When the Soviet leadership decided to cut its losses and withdraw, the United Nations was there. A force of 50 unarmed UN observers is monitoring the withdrawal, which is to be completed by Feb 15.

"As rarely before, we can see the organisation's potential for peace, its utility as a trusted good officer," Perez de Cuellar said last week. "Its peacemaking and peacekeeping can yet bring hope to those afflicted by endless violence."

The momentum is building. A major UN role is foreseen in Cyprus, where UN troops are separating Greek and Turkish communities on the divided island, and in Kampuchea to end the Vietnamese occupation.

UN troops are also expected to monitor a troop withdrawal from Namibia, occupied by

South Africa in defiance of UN resolutions, and a transition to independence in the territory.

For years, massive UN work in refugee aid, family planning, economic and agricultural development, childhood inoculation, teacher training and other areas was overlooked as the world focused on the organisation's inability to end conflicts. Suddenly, years of diplomacy seem to be bearing fruit.

For all the fanfare, the United Nations is desperately short on funds.

The Soviet Union, the first of the superpowers to rediscover the United Nations as a tool of foreign policy, is now paying its back dues and peacekeeping arrears. Moscow now hails the organisation as a forum for "new political thinking."

The United States, by contrast, is the biggest UN debtor. It has been withholding about \$467 million in regular budget payments over several years and about \$70 million in peacekeeping dues.

Denounced
For years, the United States denounced the organisation as an intrusion upon its sovereign right to act unilaterally and said it didn't like leftist UN politics. It charged the body with squandering funds on Third World causes and refused to pay until reforms were promised.

Now, Washington praises UN accomplishments in Afghanistan and in the Gulf. But the money is not forthcoming.

"Now we face a new irony," Perez de Cuellar said. "At the very time when the pursuit of peace quickens its pace throughout the United Nations, bankruptcy threatens to close the organization."

If the United States and other debtor nations do not come up with funds soon, the organisation could close this November.

The United Nations, successor to the League of Nations, was created in 1945 as an organisation of peace-loving states repelled by World War II. Its aim was to maintain peace and security and work for social progress.

One of the organisation's most enduring problems in the last 40 years has been the search for a resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Limits of glasnost

By James Oberg

WASHINGTON: As the Western news media continues to swoon over Soviet glasnost and its revelations about some Soviet secrets, Moscow has just provided a jarring reminder of where the limits of openness remain. Another Soviet space nuclear accident is in the making, and Moscow has reverted to pre-Chernobyl-style denials, cover-ups, and lies.

For most of April, Western space watchers were keeping their eyes on the Soviet satellite Kosmos-1900, launched last December. As it skimmed the atmosphere on its naval reconnaissance mission, frequent altitude boosts were needed to restore height lost to air drag. But by mid-month, the watchers noted with interest and growing alarm, the weekly boostings had ceased and the satellite's altitude was steadily dropping.

Aboard the Soviet satellite is a nuclear reactor to power its radar system. Over the past 20 years, dozens of this type of satellite were launched into low, unstable orbits on military missions. Although most safely boosted their radioactive cargoes into high, graveyard orbits, in 1978 and 1983 two tumbled back into the atmosphere, causing worldwide concern.

Fell
In 1969 and 1973 two others fell back to earth during launch phase, without public awareness or Soviet admission. Western analysts called them RORSATs, for Radar Ocean Reconnaissance Satellites. The Soviets labeled them "Kosmos" research satellites for peaceful scientific investigation of the universe. Moscow was lying.

By May 10, the Kosmos-1900 had gone a month without altitude boosts and slipped well below the normal operating range. Clearly something was wrong and it was falling back to earth out of control. Geoffrey Perry, a respected British space watcher and leader of the "Ket-

tering Group" of amateur satellite trackers, told his news contacts that the satellite's uncontrolled orbital decay hinted at some sort of failure, and at the prospect of another Soviet space nuclear accident.

The announcement in London prompted Moscow to respond with a brief acknowledgment. They had known about the failure for a month, but announced it only two days after Perry revealed it. The official TASS statement admitted "radio contact with the satellite was lost in April 1988," and that it would fly in orbit "till August-September 1988" when "it will cease to exist." Moscow admitted there was a reactor on board but claimed the satellite "has systems ensuring radiation safety on completion of the flight."

Distortions
However, knowledgeable observers realized this statement consisted almost entirely of evasions, distortions, omissions, and lies.

● Moscow did not even admit the obvious: The satellite was going to fall back into the atmosphere and spread radioactive contamination over the earth. They implied it would just vanish.

● The timing of the fall, late summer, depends entirely on another feature mentioned by TASS: the "oriented flight" of the satellite. Out of touch with earth, the satellite's simple-minded autopilot is keeping it pointed small-end forward "into the wind," minimizing air drag and the consequent orbital decay.

But possibly days or weeks from now the satellite's fuel supply will be exhausted, and the small directional rocket thrusters will cease to function. Then the satellite will tumble aimlessly, presenting its broadside to the air drag and accelerating its decay rate. Judging from past Soviet space failures of this type the time from loss of orientation to final fall is only three or four weeks.

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40th anniversary of creation

By Barry Renfrew

SEOUL, South Korea. (AP): Forty years after its creation, South Korea stands at a crossroads as it looks for a "political miracle" to match its colossal economic achievements.

Created on Aug 15, 1948, South Korea developed in a few decades into one of the most modern and rapidly expanding economic powers in Asia. Korea's "economic miracle" has become a byword for astounding growth.

But many see development as only half-complete in this nation of 40 million people. South Korea still is trying to build a democratic system and end the turbulent politics that have bedeviled it.

Political leaders, analysts, intellectuals and others agree the nation must build a stable and enduring democratic system if it is to find peace and continue to modernize and grow. The question is how.

"Political stability is an absolute necessity for national development," government Democratic Justice Party chairman Yoon Giel-Joong told the Associated Press.

Challenge
The nation also faces the major challenge of more fairly sharing the wealth and benefits of economic expansion. The industrial workers who helped build and fuel the economy are clamouring for change.

South Korea's hosting of the 1988 Olympics in Seoul in September will be dramatic proof of how far it has come from the war-shattered nation left at the end of

the Korean War in 1953.

But the South continues to face a major threat from communist North Korea, which invaded the South in 1950 and started the bloody Korean War in which more than one million were killed and injured.

US and Soviet troops divided the Korean peninsula in 1945 at the end of World War II to end the Japanese occupation. Efforts to reunite the peninsula failed and a pro-Western state was formed in the south and a communist state in the north in 1948.

The North has not given up its hopes of reuniting the Korean peninsula under its rule and the two nations are locked in a bitter struggle for supremacy that keeps alive the threat of war.

Hundreds of thousands of heavily armed troops on both sides face each other in constant tension along the 150-mile (240 kms) demilitarized zone. Both sides claim to be the sole legitimate Korean government.

Tension
But signs of progress on the domestic political front and tentative moves to reduce tension with the North have stirred hope that South Korea can overcome the challenges facing it.

"We can be very optimistic about the future if we can avoid military clashes with North Korea," said professor Park Sang-Sup of Seoul National University.

Most South Koreans say the time has come for democracy

after 40 years of authoritarian rule by military and civilian strongmen. The people must control the government rather than the other way around, they say.

The desire for change sent hundreds of thousands of people, from students to middle-class businessmen, into the streets in the summer of 1987 to demand an end to authoritarian rule. The unrest forced President Chun Doo-Hwan, who seized power in a 1980 military coup, to agree to presidential elections and reforms.

Victory
President Roh Tae-Woo, an ally of Chun who had backed the call for reforms, won the elections with a slender victory over divided opposition candidates. Roh, a former general like Chun,

took office Feb 25 in South Korea's first peaceful transfer of power.

Roh, a mix of pragmatist and populist, promised to end decades of authoritarian rule and usher in full democracy. "Now nobody will be able to reverse the current of democracy," Roh declared.

South Korea has seen rapid liberal reforms during the past year. Political, intellectual and artistic freedom has flowered with the government no longer trying to regulate almost every aspect of life.

Restrictions and controls on opposition groups, labour unions, dissidents, the press and other groups have been lifted or reduced. Most opposition groups operate freely after years of repression.

Support
Peaceful protests, strikes and political rallies have become commonplace in a nation where a year ago riot police suppressed almost all independent political activity.

"Progress is still not satisfactory, but at least some solid foundation has been laid toward democratization," said professor Lee Ho-Jeh, an opposition analyst.

Roh, who cultivates a "common man" image, has gained growing support for his programmes. A recent poll said 53 per cent of Koreans approve of the president, but just 21 per

cent support the governing Democratic Justice Party because of past abuses.

Despite the recent changes, some observers fear the divisions and antagonisms that have plagued South Korean politics for years have not been resolved and the nation could again face chaos.

A powerful elite of government bureaucrats, military commanders and business leaders dominates the nation as it has done for most of South Korean history. Opposition groups are determined to end the elite's power and insist they alone can build full democracy.

"We must have a democratic reformation," top opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung told the AP.

Hardline opposition, dissident and labour groups claim Roh is a front for military rule and say they won't end their struggle to oust the administration. Radical students, a small but powerful minority on campuses, continue to stage violent protests.

Struggle
Factionalism continues to dominate Korean politics with cliques under autocratic leaders in a constant struggle for power. Factions are seen as a barrier to democracy because they do not tolerate differing views and reject compromise as weakness.

Some political leaders fear the political calm could end after the Olympics. The opposition intends to keep Roh to his

promise of letting voters evaluate his performance after the Games.

Opposition leaders want a referendum and say Roh must step down if he loses. Government leaders say there can be no question of the President surrendering power — drawing lines for a power fight.

Some officials say government hardliners have tolerated moderate policies because they don't want to offend international opinion when the Olympics focus world attention on South Korea. But the hardliners may try to crack down on the opposition later, they say.

Refuge
"There is a feeling some people in the government are waiting until after the Olympics to take revenge against the radicals," said an official, who declined to be named.

While South Korea seeks political stability, it faces a related challenge from workers, the poor and others for a much larger share in the rewards of the economic success they helped create.

South Korea grew from being one of the poorest Asian nations with a gross national product of \$1.8 billion in 1955 to a GNP of \$119 billion last year. Once almost dependent on foreign aid, Seoul now has a \$10-billion trade surplus with the United States and its exports flood markets around the world.

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By Kathy Cuddihy

An Irish country cottage



AFTER a traditionally warm Irish welcome came the equally traditional comments on the not-so-warm weather: "Sure and it's desperate weather we've been havin' this past month. Rain nearly every day."

This observation was made on a dry day in early June, admittedly overcast, but with enough patches of brilliant blue sky to make the weather seem quite glorious. I had just arrived in Bantury from a damp and chilly Dublin. It was so good to be back in the unspoiled beauty of south-west Cork that I would happily have kissed the ground — no matter what the weather conditions!

With great industry, my mother, visiting from Canada, and I got ourselves settled in and then eagerly surveyed all the changes that had occurred in the past year. The fresh coat of paint did wonders for the place. The garden had evidently survived a harsh winter. The fledgling plants were taller and bushier. A blaze of colour was already evident and there were numerous hints of more blossoms on the way. In the evening we sat back and revelled in the luxury of having an Irish country cottage. The unimpeded views of mountains and bay hypnotised us while a lively fire inside warmed us.

Surely no one could ask for more than to be in such a setting of peace and calm. The following day, our illusions of perfection were somewhat shattered when the water pump decided to develop mechanical difficulties. In brief and simple terms, this meant NO WATER. But Nature, in a co-operative frame of mind, supplied a gentle Irish rain for the day. We placed buckets and bowls beneath the roof drainage pipes and eventually had all the water we needed for our basic — very basic — comfort. Not that this

solved all our problems! Shortly after the demise of the pump and before the bucket storage system had a chance to show much evidence of success, I needed to wash some lentils for cooking. The obvious solution was to measure them into a strainer and then hold it under a drain pipe. The theory seemed sound but the practice proved soggy. The heavy, rapidly dripping drops forced the lentils to fly out of the strainer and onto me. This was my first indication that basic living does not necessarily equal simple living. There was certainly nothing simple about trying to survive comfortably without running water.

We probably could have developed an acceptable routine and coped quite well with our circumstances, except that an even more inconvenient factor entered the equation. A neighbouring farmer's milking machines overloaded the area's temperamental electricity supply. Now we had a power outage to add to our problems. Even if the water pump got fixed, there was no electricity to work it. The luxuries of an Irish country cottage were fast piling beside these burgeoning inadequacies. We didn't dare wonder what could go wrong next. We were too busy trying to survive... simply.

longer to cook. Our meal times were erratic, but at least we ate. I had also seriously charred my expensive set of pots and pans but, for the time being, that was the least of my worries.

You may wonder why I didn't report the electricity failure. Well, apart from the fact that it was the weekend and officials make themselves scarce at that time, our telephone was out of order, a victim of the violent storm. Mother Nature must have figured that if a little rain was good, a lot would be better. It wasn't. The old roof couldn't withstand the deluge, so it sprung a few leaks in protest.

We placed buckets at strategic points around the house and were grateful that at least we wouldn't have to go outside to collect water any more. Needless to say, the heavy rain obscured our spectacular views, but then we didn't have a lot of time or energy to enjoy them anyway.

Eventually our ordeal ended. A beautiful, sunny sky appeared to celebrate the successful completion of all repair work. This time when the locals offered their traditional comments on the weather, I hastily agreed, fearing that even mild contradiction would result in radical changes.

That evening we sat beside a cozy fire and enjoyed the unimpeded views of mountains and bay.

"You know, dear, it really is quite glorious at the cottage when things go well. I just couldn't ask for anything..."

"Please, Mother, don't say another word on the subject. I still haven't recovered from the last time we felt so complacent. Let's just appreciate the cottage quietly... and pray that we still feel this enthusiastic at the end of our holiday."

By Pauline Lee

Your secret sins tell all

Do you steal office stationery and have secret midnight binges? Can you resist eavesdropping and talking behind people's backs? Here's a quiz that'll really reveal your secret sins.

DO you make sure that when you fall from grace you do it on the quiet?

Would your best friend be amazed if he or she knew your private faults and foibles?

This quiz reveals how you rate on sinning in secret.

1. Do you sneak downstairs to raid the refrigerator in the dead of night?

a) Often?
b) Sometimes?
c) Rarely or never?

2. If someone asks how much you drink or smoke, do you:

a) tell them truthfully?
b) knock off 10 per cent?
c) it depends on who asks?

3. When you phone to tell your boss you are ill, does it mean:

a) that you are really ill?
b) that you feel a bit off-colour and are bored with work?

4. Do you regard taking home paper clips, stamps or pens from work as:

a) Stealing?
b) Alright if you don't overdo it?
c) A perk you are entitled to?

5. If you say you are playing darts or going to a pottery class, does it mean:

a) you are doing just that?
b) you are seeing someone or doing something your partner would not approve of?

6. If you have an argument with your partner and realise you are in the wrong, do you:

a) admit it?
b) make a move towards a truce?
c) carry on fighting?

7. If you break a friend's treasured piece of china and no one sees you do it, do you:

a) confess immediately?
b) hide the pieces where they will not be found for a long time?
c) squiggle the remains out when you leave?

8. If you happen to hear a juicy conversation on a crossed line do you:

a) hang up at once?
b) hang up within a minute?
c) make yourself comfortable and listen until you get bored or they hang up?

9. When you realise you have dialled a wrong number, do you:

a) apologise?
b) become aggressive?
c) hang up without apology or explanation?

10. If people you are with are

criticising a friend, do you:

a) stay silent?
b) join in?
c) defend the victim?

11. If a neighbour gives you a key and asks you to water the plants or feed the fish while they are on holiday do you:

a) go only into the rooms you need to visit?
b) have a look around?
c) inspect every room in the house?

12. Do you secretly eat a bar of chocolate so you do not have to share it with family or work-mates:

a) Often?
b) Sometimes?
c) Rarely or never?

13. Is your underwear:

a) as clean as anything that shows?
b) cleaner than what is on top of it?
c) decidedly grubby?

14. Have you changed dentists to save going back to the one you are long overdue to visit:

a) Once?
b) More than once?
c) Never?

15. If you forget an appointment to have your hair cut, do you:

a) make a move towards a truce?
b) carry on fighting?

16. If you break a friend's treasured piece of china and no one sees you do it, do you:

a) confess immediately?
b) hide the pieces where they will not be found for a long time?
c) squiggle the remains out when you leave?

17. If you happen to hear a juicy conversation on a crossed line do you:

a) hang up at once?
b) hang up within a minute?
c) make yourself comfortable and listen until you get bored or they hang up?

18. When you realise you have dialled a wrong number, do you:

a) apologise?
b) become aggressive?
c) hang up without apology or explanation?

a) ring and say you are sorry you forgot?

b) ring with a tale of catastrophe and woe?

c) swear blind they have written your name in the wrong slot in their diary?

16. If you were unfaithful, would you tell your partner:

a) all?
b) nothing?
c) drop a few hints?

17. Do you regard exaggeration as:

a) something everyone does to make a good story better?

b) not strictly truthful, but harmless?

c) downright dishonest?

18. Do you cheat at games:

a) Often?
b) Only once in a while?
c) Never?

19. Do you pass readymade food off as your own:

a) Often?
b) Only in a real emergency?
c) Never?

20. Have you made a restaurant booking in a phoney name in case you can't make it:

a) Once or twice?
b) Often?
c) Never?

How to score

	a	b	c
1.	10	5	10
2.	0	5	10
3.	0	5	10
4.	0	5	10
5.	0	5	10
6.	0	5	10
7.	0	5	10
8.	0	5	10
9.	0	5	10
10.	5	10	0
11.	0	5	10
12.	10	5	0
13.	0	5	10
14.	5	10	0
15.	0	5	10
16.	0	10	5
17.	10	5	0
18.	10	5	0
19.	10	5	0
20.	5	10	0

What your score means

135-200: Guilty. You really are a secret sinner. The only question is why? Do you need people to think highly of you? Or are you so hard on yourself that you find it difficult to admit that you are not perfect.

If it is the former — relax. People will not like you less if they detect that odd flaw in your character. Actually, they will probably like you more and will certainly feel more comfortable with you.

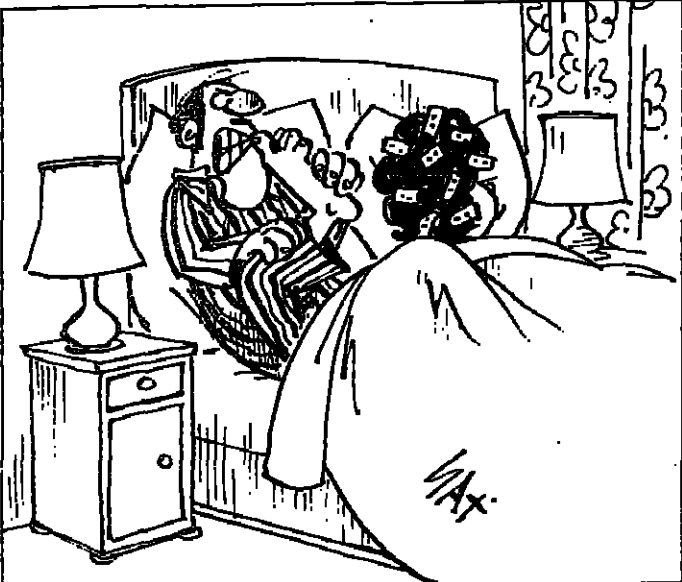
If the problem lies with your opinion of yourself, be warned. It is one thing to set high standards for yourself but quite another to be so tough on yourself that you risk a breakdown.

70-130: Not proven. You are not always all you seem. But your secret sins do not reach dangerously high levels either. However, relaxing your guard on your reputation would do you no harm.

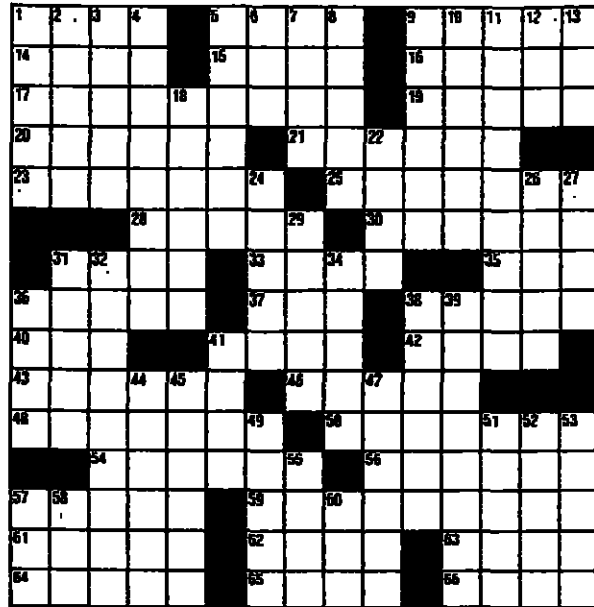
Perhaps it will help you to find the courage to be more open about your faults if you realise that everyone has them. Quite a small minority of people will score lower than you did.

0-65: Shameless. You do not do your sinning in private. Whatever your faults, you are prepared to look the world in the eye and let it look back at you, warts and all. Is it because you have a high regard for the truth? If so, you live up to your ideal admirably. But there could be another explanation...

Perhaps you do not care so much what other people think about you because you do not think much of other people. If this is the case, you will know it. What you might not realise is that, where most people are concerned, the feeling is probably mutual.



TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Sunday service
5 Cluny product
9 To a certain degree
14 Dar —
15 Guido notes
16 Goggle
17 Favorable beginning
19 Ridicules
20 Yearly records
21 Subject to verbal abuse
23 Reserve fund
25 Experienced again
28 "The — Care Girl" — Eva Tanguay
30 Change a schedule
31 Peerless puzzle editor
33 Woody's boy
35 Court return
36 O'Hara's — to Live
37 Narrow inlet
38 Dazes
40 NINE, for one
41 Endangered trees
42 Son of Zeus and Hera
43 Under most favorable circumstances
46 Predicament
48 Return to office
50 He made the Danube blue
54 Snacked
56 Burger topping
57 "I — with my little hatchet"

DOWN

1 Naval historian, Alfred Thayer
2 "Coeur d' —"
3 Laurel and Musial
4 Sleep-inducing
5 Releases
6 Menu words
7 Singer Vikki
8 Chemical compound
9 "Let — be your umbrella..."
10 Impassive
11 Worth
12 Biblical craft
13 Matter, in law
18 Winter transport
22 — Beach, Fla.
24 Distort
26 Schoolboys' jackets
27 Society newcomers
29 Trounces
31 Pen
32 Gamulous one
34 Goes on

and on

36 month
38 Henchman
39 Those who pick up the tab
41 Impress deeply
44 Young "resident" of the Plaza
45 Part of a sonnet
47 No profit deal
49 Prepare to drive
51 "...Lead — into temptation..."
52 Presley's blue shoes
53 Type of spar
55 Unit of force
57 AMA member
58 Philippine tree
60 One, in Berlin

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 9532 ♥ 7653 ♦ AQ ♣ AJ4
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♥ 2 NT 3 ♥ ?
* unusual
What action do you take?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A6 ♥ KJ109542 ♦ A105 ♣ 4
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♣ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ AQ53 ♥ AJ62 ♦ 83 ♣ 953
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♥ 2 NT 3 ♥ ?
* unusual
What action do you take?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ J85 ♥ Q4 ♦ AQ5 ♣ AQ972
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♣ 2 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

BAKIE ANGLO ACTS
ALIF SYRUP DARE
CLEF SEINE STAR
HAVEKITTENS BIG
TESS LAGUNE
REPENT GEYSER
ARU TENOR SEGNO
MISS DORTA SLIM
PESOS PENCE ALI
YIPPIED CLARET
COFFEE SIAM
APD CATANDMOUSE
RIOT RANEE REAL
ONTO LINEN ALGA
LEST SNIORT LEAN

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ K873 ♥ KJ1065 ♦ K6 ♣ 93
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♣ Pass ?
What action do you take?

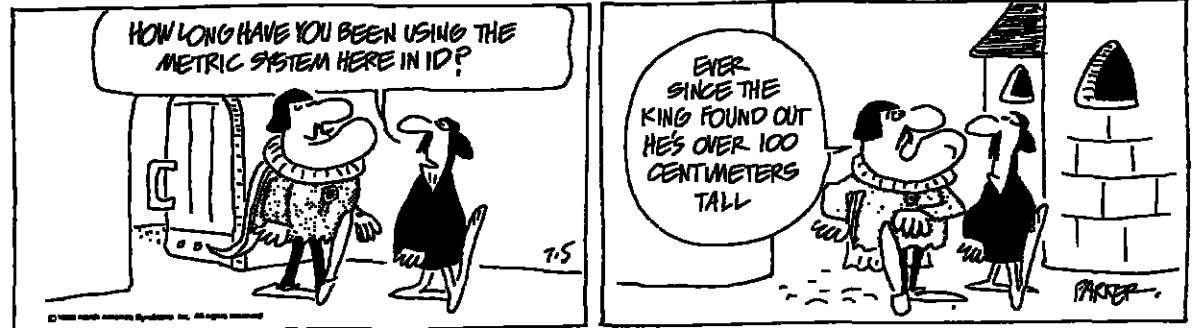
Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ KQ10952 ♥ 83 ♦ Q105 ♣ 72
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♥ 1 NT Pass ?
What do you bid now?



"My name or the dogs?"

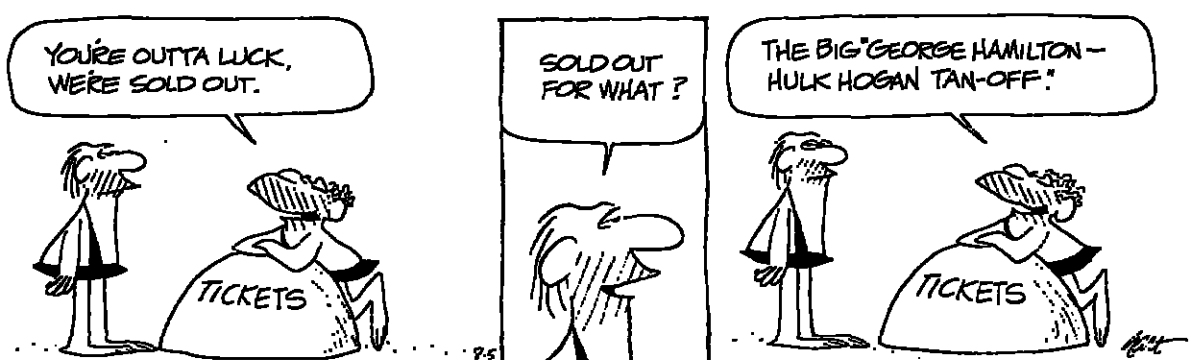
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



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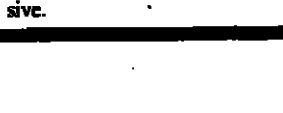
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You should do your best not to get into any sort of argument. However you should not let others steal your glory. You should not blame others for what you know is really your own fault. Be less timid.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Today you will tend to be rather confused and nervous. You would do well to postpone until later all that is not too pressing. Have just a little more patience. Be fair.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You will tend to spend too long dealing with trivial matters ignoring essentials. You should make sure you control your reactions and do not lose your temper. Do not expect to have everything just as you would like it to be. Be frank.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should not be in quite such a hurry, but nor should you slacken the pace. You will be able to settle an argument between two friends. Make sure you do first things first. Be cordial.



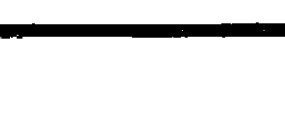
Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should keep your head high. The prospects are good but you will have to work hard too. You should not allow your impulses to get the upper hand. Be tolerant.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should make sure you do not do anything that would be bad for your health. Try not to be too long-winded. You should not neglect your culture interests. Be realistic.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Today you will be able to do something to restore slightly strained relations with one of your colleagues. You should not try to do too many things all at once. Avoid all kinds of exaggeration and extremes. Be attentive.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You have the wind in your sails and you will be able to get a lot done. You will not feel like staying in one place for all too long. You will have some good luck but not enough to make up for hard work.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should make sure you do not allow yourself to be distracted. Nor should you spend too long dealing with relative trivialities. You would be wrong to take everything quite literally just now. Be a little more benevolent.



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New industrial revolution on the horizon

Who's afraid of 'Artificial Intelligence?'

ARTIFICIAL Intelligence, or AI, is stepping out of science fiction into everyday life. Rapid development of this new frontier threatens to repeat the same mistake that has plagued the introduction of today's generation of computer technology: insufficient attention to the human factor.

The impact of expert systems — the first commercialised products of the research in artificial intelligence — is the basis of a pilot project funded by the Federal Republic of Germany's Ministry of Education and Science and launched by the ILO's Management Development Branch. Its purpose is to identify emerging changes in occupations, content of work, qualifications and skill requirements.

To discuss this challenge, the project set up an international workshop last November in Zurich, Switzerland. It brought together practitioners, scientists and specialists from all major industrialised countries.

The following article is based on a contribution to the workshop by Professor Margaret Boden from the University of Sussex in England.

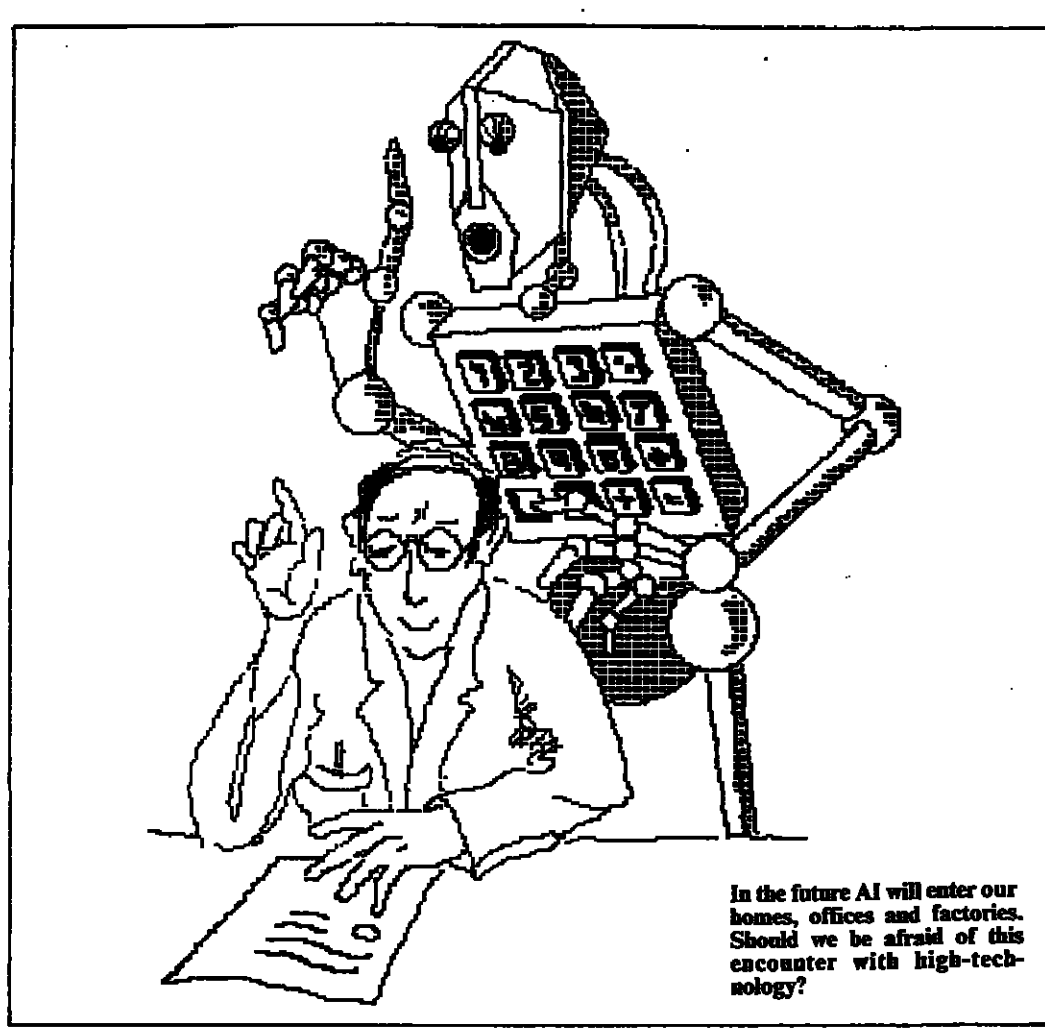
New work tools are being forged by scientists developing artificial intelligence, which offers us computers with a difference.

Unlike the programmes and robots we are familiar with, AI programmes have a significant degree of flexibility in performing their jobs. They can draw on their stored knowledge and reasoning power in ways that vary according to the particular context of the task.

Ability
Because of the knowledge and flexibility, AI programmes may one day do things that only people did. An 'intelligent' robot, for example, could use its vision to move its manipulators to the right position, even in sub-optimal lighting conditions.

And it could pick machine parts out of a bin in any order. Today's industrial robots, by contrast, need very carefully controlled lighting and parts must be prearranged.

'Intelligent' programmes used in offices and professional institutions will have some ability to deal with writing or speech, so that the user does not need to learn a special program-



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ming language. The so-called 'expert systems' are an example of the types of technology we can expect to see. They can be used by a person to give specialist advice on a particular topic — such as where to drill for oil, how to diagnose and treat meningitis, or how to repair one's car.

research and development in AI — and the EEC, the Federal Republic of Germany, the UK and the US followed suit by providing increased funding for this area.

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Programmes using AI techniques, are just becoming commercially available. Several AI firms building expert systems were founded over the past few years. The Japanese began a 'fifth generation' project for

No one can say for certain what overall effects AI will have on employment. People's working hours may be somewhat reduced — in itself no bad thing. Whether jobs will be significantly trimmed, perhaps

jobs that could not conceivably be done except by a human will be lost. Others say that this scenario is unrealistic and pessimistic. Herbert Simon — a Nobel prize-winner in economics and

a pioneer of AI — believes firmly that this new industrial revolution will eventually create jobs and improve living conditions, much as the first Industrial Revolution did.

There are at least two reasons why the employment concerns should be contained. One is that AI programmes are much less like us than they are generally thought to be. The second is that they are much more like us than they are usually taken to be.

The first half of this apparent paradox marks the fact that the 'reasoning' powers and 'understanding' or AI programmes are pale shadows of human intelligence. Computers are better at mathematics, and at precisely specifiable scientific reasoning, than many human experts are. But usually forgotten is that what we do well, computers can hardly do at all. For example, we can understand a spoken language, recognise objects lying in shadows, use our common sense to tackle a problem, read 'between the lines' or speeches or newspapers and execute various manual tasks with our fingers.

Today's AI programmes can do none of these things — except in the most limited ways — and tomorrow's programmes will not be much better.

The second half of this comforting paradox is that — like us — computers are not objective systems, guaranteed to reach the truth. A programme is open to the threefold challenge on its facts, its inferences and its values. Its built-in model may be unacceptable on any or all of these three counts. We always have the right to question it, just as we do where human beings are concerned.

Programmes can not only be questioned — they can also be changed. The workforce could have a say in suggesting how to amend a programme's way of reaching its conclusions, just as they can have a say in amending factory policy or official priorities. Whether they will be given the opportunity is another matter. Managers could help by encouraging an informed attitude in which AI programmes are seen as modifiable tools. (Courtesy Workshop of Peace)

Computers hit by virus

By Mark Trumbull

BOSTON: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is one of several government agencies hit by a computer "virus," a programme designed to sabotage computers, in the past few months.

During the past year, virus programmes have also infected computers in corporations, homes, and universities, and are causing computer users worldwide to be wary of unknown software.

And with good reason. Viruses can spread exponentially, mimicking biological contagion, and then disrupt infected systems.

The NASA case is just one typical example. According to spokesman Charles Redmond, a computer manager at the space agency brought a computer disc to work, not knowing that a programme from an electronic bulletin board had infected his disc with the "scores" virus. Over the next five days in early March, the virus programme spread through the network to about 70 Apple Macintosh computers. The damage was minimal because the virus was quickly detected and destroyed.

A more sophisticated viral attack might be "devastating from a terrorism standpoint," says Harold J. Highland, editor in chief of Computers & Security. He mentions telephone and power utilities, air-traffic control systems or financial institutions, as well as government, as possible targets.

But Professor Len Adleman at the University of Southern California, cautions against this hypothetical leap into the future. "We still don't know to what extent we're vulnerable," he says.

The scores virus was not designed to attack the government, but to allegedly sabotage a corporation in Dallas, Texas. Yet it spread to the Environmental Protection Agency, and few congressional offices, as well as NASA. This is one of several known viruses that have spread to thousands of personal computers in the US and abroad.

Spokesmen for government agencies say there was no permanent loss of data from the infected computers, but the incidents do highlight the vulnerability of computer systems.

Although defenses have been developed to control the damage in specific cases, "no decent defense is in place today," says Professor Fred Cohen of the University of Cincinnati, a leading expert on the problem.

"We've seen only the kindergarten viruses so far," says Mr Highland.

The rash of viral epidemics in the past year points to the need for better protection of computer systems in business and government, experts say. Many people are now leery of "shareware," public domain software available on computer bulletin boards.

Peter Denning, Director of NASA's Research Institute for Advanced Computer Science, calls for greater attention to "digital hygiene." Several dozen "immunity" programmes are now on the market, some of which check codes for

ruptive acts under the cloak of anonymity conveniently provided by many computer systems.

Creating and detecting effective viruses has expanded into a new realm of fascination challenge for computer security experts.

Threat

While some spend their hours devising "vaccine" programmes, others are theorise about potentially benign uses for viruses, such as protecting software from piracy.

Some say the virus threat comes chiefly from people intrigued by the endless possibilities, such as a magazine publisher who's virus sent a "universal message of world peace" on May 2, to thousands of personal computers in North America and Europe.

But Harold Highland responds, "This is not a gen-

A computer virus is a programme that spreads by secretly attaching copies of itself to other programmes.

Viruses interfere with a computer's operations, often deleting or altering files. The damage is generally activated by a 'time bomb,' which takes effect at a specific time on the computer's clock, or by a 'counter,' which waits until the virus programme has been passed on to a certain number of other programmes.

Typically, the virus will infiltrate a computer's basic software that runs other programmes. Thus any programme that is executed may be exposed to virus. A virus programme can also spread through telephone connections between computers, including 'electronic bulletin boards.'

signs of specific known viruses. But these programmes can do little to stop unknown types of viruses, most experts say.

Other defenses involve monitoring changes in programme length. A programme infected with a virus would have a higher "checksum," or total bits of code. The checksum method may be the most effective way to detect viruses, say some experts. But they note that ingenious ways can be devised to get around most defenses.

Bluntly put, the integrity of computer systems depends on the integrity of human beings. As Mr Denning wrote in American Scientist, "at the root of the problem are programmers performing dis-

temanly game," referring to the possibility of malicious sabotage of corporations and government.

Some computer security experts, including Harold Highland, say that the federal government should be focusing more attention on the threat which computer viruses could pose to national security. But government agencies are not ignoring the issues.

"The National Security Agency (NSA) is showing a lot of interest in viruses and in companies that are doing virus research," says Philip McKinney of Thumbcan, a computer security firm in Oakbrook, Ill.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Calling all pilots: keep an eye out for meteorites

By Heike Becker

MAINZ: An amateur scientist here has a hobby he would like to share with the pilots of the world — meteorite-watching.

Bernhard Klein, a 36-year-old medical student, has founded the "Central Office for Meteor Observations" in the hope that others may help him keep a closer eye on the thousands of meteorites that streak through the earth's atmosphere each year.

Meteorites, formed early in the history of our solar system, are believed to be fragments of minor planets. Most of these bits of interplanetary debris are minuscule in size, so small that they rank as mere "meteoroids."

In all, experts estimate, some 19,000 of these objects weighing 100 grams or more pass through the heavens each year. Many of them are visible to pilots.

Here is where Klein comes in. He has asked the world pilots group, the International

Federation of Air Line Pilots Associations, to note the brilliance and location of meteorites they observe on their flights between the world's cities.

Klein said the IFALPA had agreed to help by contacting each of its 70,000 members. He will help out by providing them the forms they will need.

Knowledge
He hopes to add to the knowledge already assembled by astronomers. The age and chemical composition of meteorites is a subject of scholarly research at Mainz's renowned Max-Planck Institute.

Why would the world's pilots want to add meteor-watching to their many other duties in the cockpit?

Klein says the IFALPA agrees with him that it would add to air safety.

The reason is near at hand: Some meteorites weigh tonnes. A four-tonner crashed at Jilin in China in 1976. And in 1969, the multi-ton "Allende" smashed into the earth in Mexico.



Bernhard Klein, a 36-year-old meteorite-watcher

Scientists still in the dark about Pluto

By Peter N. Spotts

BOSTON: Pluto is making its closest approach to the sun. Because it comes this way only once every 248 years, astronomers — starved for details about the tiny planet — are trying to make the most of the astronomical event.

Unlike the other planets, Pluto has been in the textbooks for less than two generations. Its small size and vast distance from Earth make studying the solar system's outermost planet a daunting task.

That study is vital, not only because scientists know so little about Pluto compared with other planets, but also because what they're learning has the potential to change notions of how the planets beyond Mars formed.

Planetary scientists say they expect the next two years to shed more light on some of the most basic details involving Pluto and its moon, Charon. "The main issues we're groping with are diameters, densities, atmosphere, and other properties," says Richard P. Binzel, of the Planetary Science Institute in Tucson, Ariz.

To glean some of this information, astronomers are taking advantage of the fact that, as seen from Earth, Charon is passing directly in front of and behind Pluto.

By measuring changes in the amount of reflected light from these so-called mutual events and by using Charon's orbital radius, for example, University of Hawaii astronomer David J. Tholen calculates that Pluto's

As Planet Pluto makes its closest approach to the sun, astronomers are hoping to shed more light on this virtually unknown planet.

diameter is 2,330 kilometres (1,456 miles) and Charon's is 1,225 km. He says Charon's orbital radius is 19,800 km. These numbers, he says, update those he and colleagues presented at a recent meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Austin, Texas. And they'll continue to shift as astronomers make more observations.

The sizes find their way into density calculations that in turn give clues to the system's overall composition. The average density for the Pluto-Charon system is about twice that of water, says Dr Binzel, indicating that they contain "at least some rocky material. Right now that's a mystery. It's a higher density than we would have expected" for an outer planet.

He says that because Pluto may be similar to one of Neptune's moons, Triton, astronomers are eagerly awaiting Voyager 2's flyby of Neptune and Triton in August 1989. If Triton's density turns out to be significantly lower than Pluto's, "then Pluto will be an anomaly" among the outer planets, he says. If Triton's density turns out to be as high as Pluto's, he adds, Pluto won't be the only outer-planet oddity. This may force scientists to rethink their ideas about how the outer planets formed.

Pluto and Charon's mutual events also allow scientists to gather spectra that reveal the chemical makeup of the surfaces of the two bodies. Recent observations have confirmed that Pluto's surface is largely methane ice, with some water ice as well. Charon's surface is largely water ice.

Issue
The issue of the density of the planet's atmosphere "is one of the more interesting problems" confronting Pluto-watchers, says Dr Tholen.

Evidence is mounting that the atmosphere is much less dense than many scientists once thought. Images collected in 1983 from the Infrared Astronomical Satellite revealed evidence of polar icecaps made of methane. "A thick atmosphere would lead to uniform temperatures" over the planet, says Tholen. "You wouldn't get polar caps."

At its farthest point from the sun, some 50 astronomical units (more than 4 billion miles) away, Pluto is so cold that its atmosphere is locked up as methane ice.

As the planet approaches the sun and the ice begins to vaporise, the atmosphere begins to expand with enough velocity to escape Pluto's extremely weak gravity, says astronomer Laurence M. Trafton of the

University of Texas at Austin. Wisps of that methane escape into space: Dr Trafton says that over the course of the present age of the solar system, Pluto has lost about 0.2 per cent of its mass. But he adds that most of the tenuous gas remains captured by the combined gravities of Pluto and Charon, enveloping them in a common — though extremely thin — atmosphere.

Phenomenon
This "halo" phenomenon has not yet been observed, Trafton says, adding that the Hubble Space Telescope, when it is launched, should be able to observe the extent of this methane halo if it exists.

An additional way to check up Pluto's atmosphere, as well as its size, is to watch the planet as it slips in front of a distant star.

Another question that nags at some scientists is whether Charon is Pluto's only moon. All the other outer planets have several moons. Trafton says that the relatively small volume of space taken up by the Pluto-Charon system leaves room for more. He and other astronomers will be looking for additional moons.

Ultimately, many planetary scientists would like to see a probe sent to Pluto. "There's so much we can learn and so much we can't" from ground-based observations, says Tholen. "There'll still be controversy surrounding Pluto after the last (Pluto-Charon) mutual event in 1990. The only way to settle it is to go there." The Christian Science Monitor

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

ACKNOWLEDGE GRIEF OF PARENTS WHO LOST BABY

QUESTION: What can we do to ease the grief of friends who have lost a baby?

ANSWER: There is no sorrow as great as that of a parent losing a child. Expectant parents who miscarry also grieve their loss.

Easing the grief of a bereaved parent is commendable, but it may not always be easy to do or say the right thing. Each person and circumstance is different and people cope differently with their grief. Some women who miscarry will want to be told that they can try again, but this may not comfort others. The parents of a stillborn baby may not want to hear that "they can have another one," since it will never be the one they had.

Some good guidelines on what to say were discussed in "Postgraduate Medicine," by Steven Rosas, M.D., and Maren Rosas, R.N., who lost their own premature daughter. They noted that some of the most sincere statements they received were actually very painful to them. The best thing to do, they said, is to acknowledge the parents' grief by simply recognizing the loss without trying to ease it. Phrases such as "I'm sorry this hap-

pened to you" and "I wish there were something I can do or say" can be comforting.

They also recommend using the baby's name and not inadvertently depersonalizing the child. To help personalize the child, health professionals now give the parents of a stillborn child as much information as possible and allow them a chance to see or hold the baby. This helps the parent work through the grieving process. Many couples may find that counseling is helpful in letting them deal with their loss.

QUESTION: Does a person whose ulcer keeps returning need ongoing medications?

ANSWER: Someone once said, "Once an ulcer, always an ulcer," and this is unfortunately true for the majority of ulcer patients. Up to 90 per cent of people who have an ulcer get another one within a year.

Maintenance therapy may be the best treatment for high-risk patients like yourself who get recurrent ulcers. By taking a low dose of anti-ulcer medications, the risk of getting another ulcer within a year is greatly reduced. Ongoing medications also reduce

the number of hospital admissions and the number of days of work lost due to ulcers.

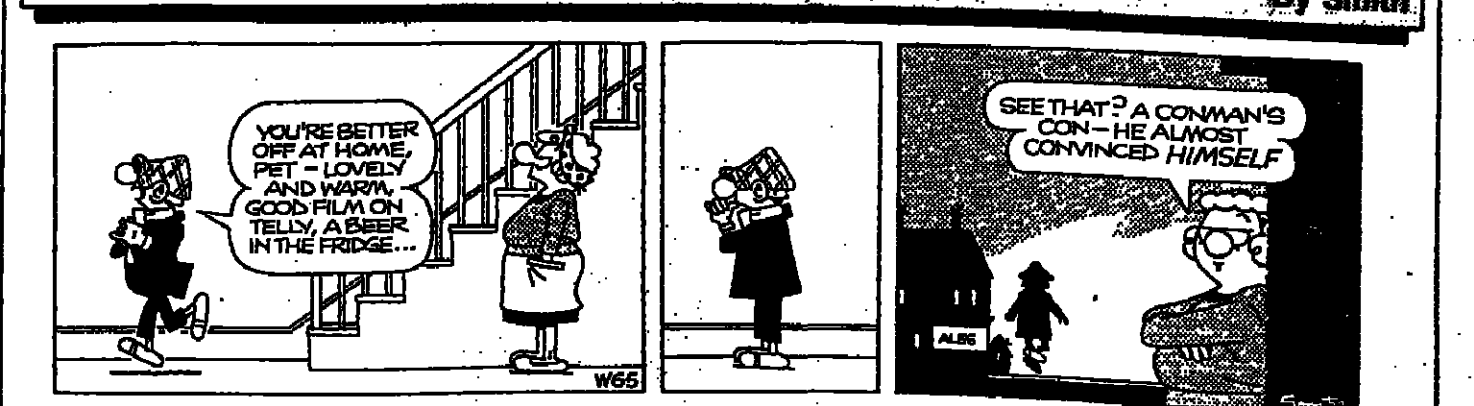
A patient would be considered for maintenance drug therapy if he or she has a history of frequent ulcer recurrences, has complications associated with ulcers, has an underlying condition (such as smoking) that increases the likelihood of recurrences and is not a good candidate for ulcer surgery. An alternate regimen to ongoing medications is to use drugs only while you have an ulcer.

The best way to stop ulcer recurrence is to stop smoking, if you haven't already. Smoking greatly increases the risk of recurrences and decreases the effectiveness of anti-ulcer medications.

Four anti-ulcer medications are available: Tagamet, Zantac, Carafate and Pepcid. If your physician prescribes ongoing therapy with one of these, be sure to discuss the exact dosage, and the manner and time the medication should be taken, in order to obtain the maximum benefit and reduce the odds of an ulcer recurrence.

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Policymakers to review economy's prospects

Fed may raise interest rates again

WASHINGTON, Aug 16, (AP): The Federal Reserve, one week after its dramatic move to boost a key interest rate, is likely to continue pushing rates higher, many economists predicted yesterday on the eve of a policymaking meeting.

These analysts believe that the Fed has decided that higher rates are necessary to slow an economy where demand pressures are bumping up against tight labour markets and capacity restraints in the manufacturing sector.

Prospects
"We are facing the danger of a new wage-price inflationary spiral and I am looking for further tightening steps based on a perception by Fed policymakers that the economy is growing too strongly," said David Jones, senior economist at Aubrey G. Lanston and Co., a government securities dealer.

Fed policymakers will convene behind closed doors today to review the economy's prospects and chart monetary policy for the next 11-12 months.

The meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee comes one week after the Fed, in a surprise move, boosted its discount rate by one-half percentage point to 6.5 per cent.

An increase in the discount rate, the interest the Fed charges to make loans to commercial banks, is the most dramatic signal the Central Bank can send of its intention to push interest rates higher as a way of dampening demand and fighting inflationary pressures.

While analysts say they don't expect another boost in the discount rate until after the November election, they said the Fed will very likely continue tightening credit by more subtle means.

Since late March, the Fed has been draining the amount of reserves banks have available for making loans, driving up a variety of short-term interest rates.

Loans
The federal funds rate, which is the interest banks charge to make overnight loans to each other, has now risen to 8 per cent and many economists predicted it would climb by another one-half percentage point in coming weeks.

This will force another boost in banks' prime lending rate to 10.5 per cent, economists predicted.

In the wake of last week's Fed discount rate hike, banks increased the prime to 10 per cent, the first time it has been in double digits in three years. Economists said the Fed has no choice but to move to push interest rates higher because of widespread indications of growing inflationary pressures.

Prices
The government reported last week that wholesale prices, excluding the volatile food and energy categories, shot up 0.6 per cent in July, double the June increase.

And on Monday, the government said that output in the industrial sector climbed 0.8 per cent in July, the biggest increase since last October.

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CARACAS, Aug 16, (UPI): OPEC Secretary-General Subroto predicted yesterday that the 13-nation oil organisation will regain "full control" of the world petroleum market in the 1990s.

He also said a truce accord in the Gulf war between OPEC members Iran and Iraq will help OPEC unify its policies and rebuild its influence in the market.

Subroto is on a two-day visit to Venezuela as part of a tour to OPEC member countries, seeking to strengthen adherence to the organisation's pricing and production agreements.

Subroto, the former Indonesian Oil Minister, also visited Colombia and will go to Mexico shortly, as part of a plan to seek support from non-OPEC producers.

In Caracas, Subroto met with President Jaime Lusinchi and Energy and Mines Minister Julio Cesar Gil to discuss the current situation in world oil markets.

The nearly 8-year war between Iran and Iraq strained relations among OPEC members and weakened the organisation's capacity to defend its share of the market.

But Subroto said as a result of the United Nations-mediated truce set to begin on Saturday, he will spearhead a diplomatic drive to bring the two sides together on the issue of production quotas, which he said was the main obstacle facing OPEC.

"If we could get Iran to accept the same quotas as Iraq, this would strengthen the market and prices, and benefit all members," Subroto said.

Discussions with Venezuelan authorities centred on the agenda for the next OPEC ministerial meeting, which is scheduled for late November at the organisation's Vienna headquarters.

Proposal
The talks touched on the Iran-Iraq truce proposal, OPEC loans to member countries, excess production and the thorny problem of what petroleum products constitute crude oil, which Subroto said will be debated in a meeting of the organisation's five-member price committee that is to be held in October.

In 1982, OPEC began restricting global production, through a system of individual yearly quotas. But widespread violations of the quotas have led to a worldwide glut of crude oil that has pushed prices down over the last two years.

"OPEC's new strategy must be based on an agreement to establish equal quotas to Iraq and Iran," Subroto said. Iraq had refused to participate in the most recent production-restraint accord, which was adopted last December and extended through 1988 at the organisation's semi-annual ministerial meeting in June.

"We are visiting member countries to discuss quotas and to explain the steps that must be taken if we want to improve prices," he said.

He estimated that demand for OPEC oil around the world would increase by the end of the year, allowing the organisation to raise production from its current limit of 15.06 million barrels a day.

"On a long-range basis," he said, "specialised studies have indicated that output of independent producers will decline from the mid-1990s and OPEC will cover that demand."

"We are convinced that by 1995 or 1996 OPEC will recover its control and exercise greater influence over the petroleum market," Subroto asserted.

Meanwhile, US oil companies and analysts said demand for OPEC crude oil for the remainder of 1988 will be below what is needed to reduce a world glut and raise prices.

For the second half of 1988, demand will average about 18.2 million barrels, according to US oil company economists and industry analysts polled by Reuters. OPEC's output has risen to nearly 19 million barrels a day, adding to a surplus that in the first half of 1988 sent prices tumbling more than \$3 below OPEC's \$18-a-barrel target price.

"The whole thing does not bode well for oil prices," said William Hermann, chief economist with Chevron Corp.

Those surveyed estimated demand for OPEC oil in the third quarter would average nearly 18 million barrels a day. Some estimates ranged as low as 17.1 million while others suggested demand could top 18.5 million, reflecting the uncertainties surrounding world demand for oil from the 13 OPEC producers.

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LUANDA, Aug 16, (Reuters): Angola's Central Bank Governor Antonio Inacio said in an interview published today that negotiations to join the International Monetary Fund (IMF) were going well.

"We're on the right track and I think the whole international climate is in favour of us joining," Inacio said in the second and final part of an interview published in the state-owned daily *Journal de Angola*.

Membership of the IMF is a condition laid down by Angola's Western creditors for them to discuss restructuring the country's more than \$3-billion foreign debt.

Strong
"I think that at the moment there are no strong reasons to believe that our negotiations with the IMF will be unsuccessful," Inacio said.

An IMF team was expected in Angola at the end of August to discuss proposals for Angola's IMF quota contribution, he said.

Accession to the IMF forms part of Angola's efforts to improve its foreign debt conditions under an economic recovery plan launched by the government at the start of 1988.

"Without this accession to the IMF it will not be possible for us to regularise the servicing of our external debt," Inacio said.

Angola was forced to seek a restructuring of its debt because of a heavy bunching of short- and long-term debt falling due in the late 1980s.

The country's ability to service its debt was also affected by the costs of war against South African forces and South African-backed UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) rebels, and the mid-1980s slump in world oil prices which have not since fully recovered.

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BAHRAIN, Aug 16, (Reuters): Qatar will start drilling to tap the world's biggest single natural gas reservoir this week in a project it hopes will end the recession caused by the world oil market crash of 1986.

The emirate's North Field, 50 miles offshore in the shallow waters of the Gulf, holds an estimated 350 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The first phase of its development over the next three years will cost \$1.3 billion, Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (QGPC) executives told Reuters.

Conditions
Qatar does not expect to start exporting the gas in the foreseeable future due to unstable market conditions, but will use it to broaden its industrial base.

"There are various plans to use the gas in expanding domestic industries, especially in building an aluminium smelter," said an oil industry executive in Doha.

Two steel platforms have been erected over the field and a drilling rig will start work later this week, QGPC officials said. They expected it would take two years to drill 16 production wells.

Qatar, with a population of around 250,000, is a small oil producer within OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries), with estimated output in July of 330,000 barrels per day.

Its oil revenues plunged from \$3.7 billion in 1985 to around \$1.5 billion last year due to the decline in world oil prices.

A budget deficit of 6.1 billion Qatari riyal (\$1.68 billion) for 1988 is being met largely by drawing on up to \$10 billion of reserves accumulated during the oil boom of the early 1980s.

Since oil prices are not expected to recover to the levels of eight years ago, Qatar is now fully dedicated to diversifying its economy, oil and banking sources said.

Petrochemical, fertiliser and steel plants are already in production and the government is studying two plans to build an aluminium smelter to run on natural gas to earn foreign currency in 1990s when the oil wells start to dry.

QGPC officials in charge of the North Field project said that under the first phase of development 800 million cubic feet per day of natural gas would be produced for local use.

Oil industry sources said the first phase was vital as Qatar would run out of onshore natural gas, now used to run local industry including power and desalination plants, in the next few years.

Help
Under the projected second phase of the project, Qatar hopes to sell gas to neighbouring Gulf states. Under the third phase, it would export gas to Japan and Europe.

"There is no demand from other Gulf states for gas at the moment and the prospects of selling to Europe are almost nil due to the huge cost of building a pipeline," an oil company source said.

QGPC is working on ways to finance the first phase with the help of the First Boston Corporation of the United States.

Industry is slowing and analysts fear a stock market crash
US drought giving savage twist to Brazil's inflation

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 16, (UPI): Blistering drought in America's farmland is bad news thousands of miles away, in Brazil. The US drought is boosting world food prices, and that has hiked Brazil's inflation to a dizzy 1,200 per cent.

"There's no cause for panic," said Finance Minister Malson da Nobrega in a television interview in which he called the US drought an "unfortunate accident."

"There's no evidence Brazil is heading for hyper-inflation," he said.

But critics say Da Nobrega pledges almost every month that inflation will go no higher. Then along comes another 'accident.'

Climbed
The critics agree the US drought hurt Brazil but only marginally. They charge that government overspending is the underlying culprit.

The annualised inflation rate was 100 per cent just a year ago. It climbed to 610 per cent in May and to 750 per cent in June. Now first estimates for July by the official statistics institute put it close to 1,200 per cent — 24 per cent in a single month.

Prices creep up one per cent each working day. They double in 14 weeks — something that would take 16 years at the current US inflation rate.

Prices
Businessmen and private investors alike put their money in 24-hour deposits earning the equivalent of 4,350 per cent a year, before tax. The result: industry is slowing and analysts fear a stock market crash.

The only crumb of good news is an export boom to help pay interest on the \$123 billion foreign debt.

"Every week it seems prices double," said Regina Gomes, 30, a Rio de Janeiro divorced typist struggling to raise two children. "Last year I could save a little, but now everything goes on food."

In the supermarket where she shops each Saturday, "many things don't show the price any more, it changes so quickly," Gomes said.

Six-year-old Marcelo and four-year-old Priscilla get fewer treats. "I add up in my head, often I must say no," their mother said.

Gomes' pay is hiked monthly. In theory it keeps pace with prices. In practice, there is always a delay. The faster prices rise, the bigger the shortfall.

Economists calculate workers with weaker unions have lost 17 per cent of their spending power over recent months.

"I feel hatred," Gomes said, though not necessarily at the government or shopowners, more against the world in general.

Wages
Inflation is nothing new for Brazilians. Prices rose 1,167,000 per cent through the last decade — never less than 62 per cent a year. Automatic adjustment of wages, bank savings and house mortgages make it easier to accept.

But 1988 has been worse. Inflation has never been so high for so long.

Paulo Guedes, vice president of the Capital Markets Institute, predicted if nothing is done, prices could soar at a rate of 12,000 per cent by January — 50 per cent each month.

Antonio Cortado, an economist with a major business consulting firm, was more cautious. He forecast a gradual drift to around 1,500 per cent by the end of the year.

Measures
Few outside the government predict inflation will fall without drastic measures. Almost everyone blames government overspending.

Last year the federal and state governments and the hundreds of public-owned companies, institutes and agencies overspent by \$20 billion.

The domestic deficit was 6 per cent of Brazil's Gross National Product. This year the government pledges to cut that to 4 per cent by holding down public wages, selling public companies and hiking taxes.

"That's the plan, but it's still not clear the goal will be met," said Romeu Trussardi, president of the Sao Paulo Commercial Association.

Cutting public spending is difficult anywhere. In Brazil, it's a traumatic nightmare.

Loans
A developing nation of 143 million people, Brazil needs more, not less investment to rebuild slums, feed hungry children and foster economic growth.

Making matters difficult, it has a pork-barrel system of government: politicians from the president down traditionally hand out public jobs, loans and contracts to satisfy supporters.

President Jose Sarney faces a rebellious congress, municipal elections this year and his own succession next year. The pressures on the purse will be enormous.

Brazil's three-year-old democracy seems secure, but the country is awash with rumours of a third wage-price freeze — although standstills in 1986 and 1987 produced shortages, economic chaos and yet more inflation.

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ARGVILL GP	183/0	A.B.ELECT	433/0 433/0
ASDA GP	152/0	A&T GEN	86/0 86/0
BAA	268/0	AAH HLD	274/0 273/0
BAT	281/0	BARONSON	119/0 118/0
BAT INDS	425/0	ADDITION	39/0 37/0
BR CARLOS	405/0	ADNEST	350/0 350/0
BASS	774/0	ALEX WRKH	169/0 168/0
BEAZER	178/0	ALEXON	376/0 374/0
BEECHAMS	476/0	ALLD COLL	129/0 128/0
BIC PLC	392/0	ALLD IR B	249/0 248/0
BLUE CIRC	360/0	ALLD LND	126/0 126/0
BLOC	95/0	ALLD PLNT	60/0 60/0
BLOC CIRC	458/0	ALLIANCE	834/0 833/0
BOC GP	410/0	AMEC	378/0 376/0
BOOTS CO	226/0	AMER TRST	125/0 125/0
BPS INDS	282/0	AMERSHAM	608/0 607/0
BR COMM	242/0	AMT HLTRC	253/0 253/0
BR AIRWAY	159/0	ANGIA TV	180/0 179/0
BR AEROSP	502/0	ANGLO O'S	207/0 206/0
BR GAS RG	184.5	ANSBACHER	89/0 88/0
BR GAS RT	181/0	APPLEYARD	489/0 488/0
BR LAND	337/0	APRICOT	125/0 123/0
B.P.	248/0	APV PLC	116/0 116/0
B.P.-NEW	54/0	AQUAS-A	79/0 78/0
B.P.-RYT	248/0	ARAN ENGY	68/0 68/0
BURNHAM OL	240/0	ARCEL	142/0 141/0
BURTON	224/0	ARLINGTON	170/0 170/0
CABLE&WE	377/0	ARMSTRONG	120/0 120/0
CADBURY'S	378/0	ASS NEWS	513/0 513/0
COATS VTY	328/0	ASTRA HLD	32/0 32/0
COMM UNI	257/0	ATLYMC CN	495/0 496/0
COS GOLD	985/0	ATTWOODS	280/0 280/0
COOKSONS	258/0	AUS REE A	283/0 284/0
COURTAULD	343/0	AUST REED	378/0 380/0
DALGETY	333/0	AUTO SECS	268/0 268/0
DEE COS	170/0	AVON RUBB	735/0 733/0
DEX	177/4	B.MEWHILL	184/0 183/0
ENGL CHINA	480/0	BAILL SHI	81/0 82/0
ENTER OIL	472/0	BALF BLD	267/0 267/0
FKI BANC	129/0	BANK REI	234/0 235/0
FERRANTI	97/0	BANKER IT	71/0 71/0
GEN ACCID	91/0	BARKER DO	142/0 140/0
GEN ELEC	160/0	BARKER DEV	175/0 175/0
GLAXO	955/0	BARYES C	29/4 31/0
GRAMADA	303/0	BBA GROUP	175/0 174/0
GLOBE	141.5	BEAR B-UT	4/0 4/0
GLYNED	308/0	BEAR BRND	9/4 10/0
GRAND MET	308/0	BELHAVEN	63/0 63/0
GRAND RYL	188/0	BELWAY	235/0 233/0
GUTHRIE	325/0	BENSON	210/0 218/0
GUTHNESS	102/0	BENLOW	49/0 50/0
HAMPSH A	616/4	BENTALLS	190/0 188/0
HANSON	138/0	BRAM MINT	184/0 183/0
HARRISON	633/0	BRINIO GL	409/0 410/0
HAKER SID	510/0	BK OF SCO	390/0 392/0
HILLSDOWN	285/0	BLACK LE 2	15/2 15/0
ICI	013/0	BINNETT +F	36/4 36/0
IMH	200/0		
INCINCAPE	219/0		
JAGUAR	274/0		
LADBROKE	445/0		
LAND SECS	564/0		
LAPORTE	415/0		
LASMO	432/0		
LEGAL-GEN	321/0		
LONRHO	530/0		
LUNCHA IND	294/0		
MAGNET	236/0		
MARKESS-SP	167/0		
MAXWELL C	210/0		
METAL BOX	235/0		
MEPC	536/0		
MIDLAND BK	413/0		
NEXT	234/0		
NTH FOODS	285/0		
P & O DFD	583/0		
PEARL	469/0		
PEARSON	746.5		
PILKINGTON	212/0		
PLESSEY	161/0		
POLLY PEC	320/0		
RACAL	322/0		
RANR HVIS	447/0		
RANR ORG	915/0		
RCKITT+CO	713/0		
REDLAND	417/0		
REED	433/0		
RML BK SC	356/0		
RNC GAP	377/0		
REUTERS	66.00		
RTZ CORP.	422/0		

LONDON

LONDON (Beta Stocks)			
NAME	CLOSE	OPEN	
21ST CHARL	12/10	12/10	
2ND ALLIANCE	745/10	744/10	
600 GROUP	112/10	112/10	
4 A PORTS	533/10	532/10	
4 A-ELECT	433/10	433/10	
ASB KENT	86/10	86/10	
AAH LHD	274/10	273/10	
ARLHSON	119/10	118/10	
ADVEST	39/10	37/10	
ADMON	350/10	350/10	
ALEX WIKM	169/10	168/10	
ALEXON	376/10	374/10	
ALLD TR B	229/10	228/10	
ALLD TR C	249/10	248/10	
ALLD LND	126/10	126/10	
ALLD PLNT	60/10	60/10	
ALLIANCE	834/10	833/10	
AMEX TRST	378/10	376/10	
AMER TSHM	125/10	125/10	
AMR HLTHC	608/10	607/10	
ANGIA TR	253/10	253/10	
ANGLO O'S	180/10	179/10	
ANSCHASCH	207/10	206/10	
APPLEYARD	89/10	88/10	
APRICOT	489/10	488/10	
APRICOT	125/10	123/10	
APPLS A.C.	116/10	116/10	
AQUAS A.	79/10	78/10	
ARAN ENG	68/10	68/10	
ARCHER AJ	142/10	141/10	
ARL LONDON	170/10	170/10	
ARMSTRONG	120/10	120/10	
ASX NEWS	513/10	513/10	
ASTRA LHC	32/10	32/10	
ATLYNC CH	495/10	496/10	
ATWOODS	280/10	280/10	
AXS REE A	283/10	284/10	
AUST REED	378/10	380/10	
AUTO SECS	268/10	268/10	
AVON RUBB	733/10	733/10	
B-MERRILL	184/10	185/10	
BANDS	81/10	82/10	
BANK SH	254/10	254/10	
BANK INRE	234/10	235/10	
BANKER IT	71/10	71/10	
BARKER DO	142/10	140/10	
BARRT DEV	175/10	175/10	
BAVYES C	29/10	31/10	
BBA GROUP	175/10	174/10	
BEAR B.WT	4/10	4/10	
BEAR BRAD	9/10	10/10	
BEHLAVEN	63/10	63/10	
BELLWAY	235/10	235/10	
BENROSE	219/10	218/10	
BENLUX HD	49/10	50/10	
BENTALLS	190/10	188/10	
BHAM MINT	184/10	183/10	
BIRMING LD	409/10	410/10	
BLK OF SCO	390/10	392/10	
BLK LF 2	15/10	15/10	
WINNCT +F	36/10	36/10	

NEW YORK

NEW YORK		
NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCK COM	29/3	29/3
ATLANTIC R	80/6	80/7
AAR CORP	23/0	23/2
ABBOTT LAB	44/1	44/1
ACCE CLVD	40/2	10/2
ADU MICRO	11/6	11/7
ADEROLF LAB	7/6	7/7
AETNA LIFE	46/4	47/6
AMMANSON	14/6	14/6
ALISA PR-CIN	41/6	41/6
ALASKA AIR	17/6	17/6
ALBERTSONS	31/0	31/2
ALBMA 8-B	28/1	81/0
ALCAN ALUM	28/1	28/3
ALCO STAND	24/2	24/2
AN CYNARD	45/5	46/0
AN ELET PM	26/2	26/2
AN HOM PRO	74/6	75/3
AN HOM PRO	79/5	79/7
AN STANDARD	0	77/6
AN STORES	48/6	48/6
AN TEL-TEL	25/0	25/1
AMCO CORP	74/1	74/5
AMP INC	41/6	42/0
AMCO PITT	13/0	13/0
AMP CORP	41/6	41/6
AMP GEN CO	32/1	32/3
AMERADA INC	26/2	26/2
ANTHEM ELE	12/1	12/1
APACHE CP	7/7	8/0
APACHE PET	2/6	2/7
ARMSTRONG	34/0	34/2
ARMSTRONG	32/6	32/6
ASIA PAC	6/6	6/6
ATLS CORP	0	33/1
AVERY INT	20/4	20/5
AVNET INC	20/0	20/2
AVON PRODS	22/7	23/1
BCE INC	29/1	29/7
BELLSOUTH	39/6	39/6
BELO CP A	25/4	26/0
BETH STEEL	6/0	5/7
BEVERLY	21/2	21/2
BNK BOSTON	27/3	27/6
BNK BOSTON	27/3	27/6
BNK NEW YORK	36/4	36/4
BNK TR-NY	36/6	36/5
BKAMERICA	14/1	14/1
BKANAN SPEC	5/3	5/4
BOEING CO	57/7	58/5
BOISE CASC	41/6	41/6
BND IN GLD	0	10/3
BORDEN	51/4	51/4
BOMATEX	28/1	28/2
BR TELECOM	40/4	40/0
BRIGGS-STR	30/1	29/7
BRIST-MYER	41/1	41/1
BROWN CO	19/6	20/0
BRUNY CP	10/1	10/1
C 3 INC	11/7	12/0
CABOT CORP	36/7	37/0
CAESARS NO	24/5	25/0
CA FRIEIGHT	22/4	22/4

FST BOSTON	39/4	30/8	NERRILL LY	25/4	25/4	SCOTT PPK	38/0	38/0
FST CHICAG	32/6	32/6	MESA OFFSH	1/4	1/3	SCOTTYS	12/6	12/6
FST INTERS	50/5	50/6	MILB	43/0	43/0	SE BANK CO	25/0	25/0
GAF CORP	46/3	46/7	MOBIL OIL	83/0	81/2	SEAROM CO	53/0	53/0
GANNETT CO	30/8	31/0	MONSANTO	33/7	34/0	SEAGULL EN	13/2	13/2
GALVESTON	0	1, 10	MONTANA PO	35/2	35/1	SEALED AIR	42/7	42/7
GALEA CORP	0	45/0	MORGAN JAV	37/5	37/7	SEARS ROE	19/1	19/1
GACA CP	0	5/2	MORT THIO	41/6	42/2	SERV CORP	18/4	18/4
GEARHART	10	11	MOTOROLA	52/7	53/1	SA STM PAC	23/5	23/5
GEN DATA	3/3	3/3	MRSH-MCLEN	31/1	31/2	SHRNS MUTT	70/4	70/4
GEN DYWIDCS	49/7	49/7	MURPHY OIL	14/5	14/6	SHELL TRAM	50/7	51/3
GEN ELECT	39/2	39/4	MAT INTERG	3/7	3/7	SHER PLOW	8/7	8/7
GEN HOST	10/7	10/7	NBI CORP	53/6	54/2	SMITH INT	45/5	45/7
GEN HOSWR	0	8/2	NCR CORP	23/1	23/2	SMITH BEC	34/2	34/2
GEN INSTR	28/6	28/6	NEW ENG EL	14/6	14/4	SNAP ON TL	37/2	37/2
GEN MILLS	48/5	48/3	NEW PLA RE	44/0	44/2	SOURCE CAP	21/5	21/5
GEN MOTORS	75/2	75/3	NEVELL CO	37/2	36/6	SOUTHERN	10/1	10/1
GEN SIGNAL	48/0	48/0	NEWMONT MI	37/1	37/2	SPAIN FUND	13/1	13/1
GENCORP	20/1	20/2	NI MOH6-10	0	58/0	SPERRY	48/2	48/2
GENETECH	33/7	33/6	NI MOH7-72	0	76/0	SQUARE D	31/6	32/2
GENIE PA	0	75/0	NICOLET IN	29/6	29/6	STONE CONT	56/0	56/0
GEORJ-PAC	36/0	36/0	NICOR INC	6/4	6/5	SUN CO	49/6	50/1
GERRER FL	0	2/1	NL INDS	12/0	11/7	SUNSTRAND	4/1	4/1
GLOBAL MAR	11	10	NOBLE AFF	10/3	10/2	SUNSH MTN	21/1	21/3
GOLDEN HUG	11/4	11/4	NOV RESOU	29/3	29/5	SUNVAL INT	15/6	15/6
GOODRICH	46/0	46/2	NORTHROP	46/0	46/2	SUNWEST	20/3	20/3
GOODYEAR	57/4	57/4	NORTON	36/2	36/2	SV GAS	36/7	36/6
GOULD INC	14/2	14/1	NOVO IND	44/4	44/6	SAN BELL	40/0	40/1
GOULD WR	24/4	24/6	NUCOR CORP	1/0	1/0	TAMM CORP	80/0	78/4
GRAINGER	55/5	55/7	OKA INDS	25/5	25/6	TECO ENERG	21/6	21/6
GREYHOUND	31/0	31/2	OCC PETRPC	16/2	16/0	TELECONIX	22/1	22/1
GRUPPAM	20/6	20/5	OCEAN DRILL	26/0	26/0	TELETYPE	319/6	320/0
GULF RES-C	0	14/5	ODGEN CORP	18/0	18/2	TELEX CORP	0	49/0
GULF-MESTN	41/7	41/7	OH ED CO	43/3	43/5	TERADYNE	15/2	15/5
HALLIBURTH	28/0	28/1	OHIO MATT	8/1	8/1	TESORO PET	9/6	9/7
HALLIMOOD	14/4	0	OLIV CORP	14/4	14/4	TEX ASER B	25/2	25/2
HANNA NIN	25/4	26/0	ORION PICT	15/7	15/7	TEX EAS TR	0	1,04
HARRIS CP	24/3	24/3	PAINNE WEL	2/5	2/5	TEXACO	43/2	43/3
HARTNACK	40/6	40/6	PAN AM	24/6	25/1	TEXAS IND	38/6	39/1
HEINZ HJ	35/4	35/6	PANHANDLE	19/0	19/0	TEXAS INST	23/0	23/0
HELM-CURTIS	21/2	21/1	PARK ELECT	4/1	4/1	TEXTRON	21/0	21/0
HERCULES	44/5	44/6	PARKER DIRT	28/5	28/5	THOMPS MED	12/6	12/7
HEW-PACK	47/1	47/3	PATRACK PET	26/4	26/4	TIGER INT	6/2	6/2
HExcel CP	0	35/3	PAYLESS CSH	0	9/0	TINCHEN	65/0	65/0
HILLENBRND	30/0	30/0	PULLMAN CO	88/0	88/0	TORCHMARK	31/5	31/5
HILLENBRND	35/3	35/3	PC INDS-96	21/2	21/1	TOSCO	2/7	3/0
HILTI HTLS	43/0	43/0	PENW CENTR	73/7	70/4	TOYS R US	36/2	36/2
HITACHI	137/1	139/0	PEZZOLI	19/3	19/1	TRANSEAM	32/5	32/7
HOMERICK NIN	17/6	17/4	PEOPLES EN	34/3	34/5	TRANSCO EN	6/2	6/2
INDV HARMN	22/3	22/2	PEOPLES EN	50/2	50/2	TRAVELLERS	33/5	33/7
HOLIDAY C						TRINITY IN	29/1	29/1
HOME DEPOT	25/6	26/0	PFIZER	37/3	37/3	TW CORP	17/0	17/0
HOME FED S	23/6	24/0	PHILIPS DOD	88/4	88/6	TRANSHOLD	37/1	37/1
HONDA MOTOR	164/4	166/1	PHILIP DOD	37/3	37/3	UAL CORP	91/4	91/4
HONEYWELL	60/6	61/0	PHILIPS PE	16/6	16/6	UTD BRAND	16/7	16/7
HOUGHTON MI	33/7	34/1	PILLSBURY	36/0	36/2	UTD TECH	56/1	56/1
HOUSTON IN	28/6	28/6	PITN-BOMES	42/0	42/0	UNILEVER	52/1	52/1
HUGHES SUP	16/7	16/5	PITTSO	14/6	14/7	UNION CARB	32/3	32/3
HUMANA INC	24/2	24/3	POLAROID	42/5	42/4	UNION CAMP	22/2	22/2
IBN	115/0	115/1	PORTLAND GE	20/6	20/6	US SHOE	25/0	25/0
IC INDUST	32/7	33/0	PRIME INMS	30/0	30/3	USK CP	28/7	28/4
ILL PHARMA	18/6	18/6	PRIMERICA	26/5	26/5	US WEST	54/1	54/1
INCO LTD	27/6	27/7	PROCT-GAMR	72/0	72/1		35/0	35/0
INGERSLL-RA	35/5	35/6						
JEFF PILOT	35/3	35/3						

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1473.3	1465.6	1484.8	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	1038.8	1038.8	1047.9	957.6
FT ALL SHR	949.46	49.46	961.69	963.01
FT GVD SEC	88.80	88.80	88.17	87.92
FT GOLD MN	192.9	192.9	189.5	207.2
FT NINES F	508.98	508.98	514.20	517.46
FT OIL	1775.9	1775.9	1825.4	1834.0
FT WLD DLR	126.86	125.69	125.18	126.05
FT WLD STG	108.10	108.66	109.08	109.51
FT WLD LOC	114.58	115.26	115.28	115.44

London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES MIXED TO STEADY IN AFTERNOON
LONDON, AUG 16, REUTER - SHARES WERE MIXED TO STEADY IN THE LATTER PART OF A LONDON TRADING SESSION WHICH SAW PRICES MOVE IN A TIGHT RANGE ON LOW VOLUME, DEALERS SAID. BY 1416 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS 2.3 POINTS UP AT 1,819.1.

THE INDEX TOUCHED AN EARLY LOW OF 1,811.8 AS MARKET MAKERS ADJUSTED PRICES TO REFLECT MONDAY'S HEAVY FALL ON WALL STREET AND TOOK UP DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AHEAD OF U.S. TRADE FIGURES.

BUT NEWS THAT THE U.S. TRADE DEFICIT WAS 12.54 BILLION DLRS IN JUNE, COMPARED TO FORECASTS OF AROUND 11 BILLION DLRS, HAD LITTLE IMPACT ON WALL STREET AND THE LATE TREND IN EQUITIES WERE ECHOED A MODEST GAIN IN THE NEW YORK SHARE MARKET.

DEALERS SAID THE DOWNWARD REVISION OF THE U.S. MAY DEFICIT TO 9.76 BILLION DLRS FROM 10.93 BILLION PROBABLY TEMPERED WALL STREET'S REACTION TO THE LARGER THAN EXPECTED JUNE DEFICIT.

THEY SAID TODAY'S U.S. TRADE NEWS WAS PRETTY WELL DISCOUNTED AFTER MONDAY'S 33 POINT FALL ON WALL STREET.

BUT SPECULATION ABOUT HIGHER INTEREST RATES AROUND THE WORLD REMAINS. BRITISH MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES ARE ALREADY POINTING TO ANOTHER HALF POINT RISE IN BASE RATES TO 11-1/2 PCT. THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK STERLING RATE WAS TRADING 1/16 POINT FIRMER THIS AFTERNOON AT 11-9/16 7/16 PCT.

London Gold

LONDON, AUG 16, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PALED EARLIER GAINS THIS AFTERNOON AS THE MARKET DRIFTED DOWN AFTER A LARGELY OVERDONE REACTION TO THE U.S. TRADE FIGURES, DEALERS SAID. GOLD FIRMED TO 434.00 DLRS AN OUNCE IN LONDON FOLLOWING THE MORE THAN EXPECTED U.S. TRADE FIGURES FOR JUNE, WHICH RAISED

WORSE THAN EXPECTED U.S. TRADE FIGURES FOR JUNE, WHICH CAUSED THE DOLLAR TO WEAKEN AGAINST MOST MAJOR CURRENCIES, WHILE RISING U.S. IMPORT FIGURES SENT INFLATIONARY WORRIES THROUGH THE MARKET, THEY ADDED.

GOLD WAS LATER FIXED AT 432.65 DLRS AN OUNCE, UP SLIGHTLY

GOLD WAS LATELY TRADED AT 432.00 DOLLARS AN OUNCE, UP SLIGHTLY FROM THE MORNING FIX OF 432.00 AND ALSO UP FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSING LEVEL OF 430.80/431.30.

London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 16, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE STILL DISCOUNTING ANOTHER 1/2 POINT RISE IN U.K. BASE RATES TO 11-1/2 PCT IN LATE TRADING BUT DEALERS SAID TODAY'S SLIDE IN THE DOLLAR COULD DELAY THE MOVE FOR THE TIME BEING.

THE KEY THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE WAS 1/16 POINT FIRMER AT 11-9/16 7/16 PCT, BUT OFF ITS HIGHS AFTER THE DOLLAR WEAKENED SHARPLY AGAINST STERLING IN REACTION TO A WIDER THAN EXPECTED 12.54 BILLION DLR JUNE U.S. TRADE DEFICIT.

ONE DEALER SAID "THIS MARKET IS MUCH MORE CONCERNED WITH DOMESTIC ECONOMIC FACTORS IN THE LONG RUN AND THURSDAY'S (U.K.) MONEY FIGURES COULD STILL TURN THAT CONCERN INTO HYSTERIA."

Foreign Exchange

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	DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
DLR	-----	1.7290/10	1.8590/10	6.3100/50	FIX
STG	1.7100/10	-----	3.2240/80	10.9305/9455	MID
DMK	1.8827/8907	3.2192/233	-----	29.4157/575	FIX
FFR	6.385/597	10.9225/9515	338.8/339.5	-----	FIX
SFR	1.5815/5825	2.7019/7052	83.77/87	24.71/75	1500
HFL	2.1295	3.6390	112.90	33.31	FIX
EGU	1.1165	0.646317	2.08230	7.05971	CLSE
SDR	1.29479	0.758074	2.43861	HOL	CLSE
YEN	133.35/45	227.96/228.27	-----	-----	NOON
SDR RATES	15/08/1988	-----	OTHERS	16/08/1988	-----

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	321.6	351.3	320.2	306.2
AUSTRIA	222.9	222.9	220.6	208.9
BELGIUM	375.0	375.0	373.2	388.2
CANADA	354.4	357.0	356.6	375.1
DENMARK	437.0	434.9	435.0	436.4
FRANCE	361.7	361.7	361.4	370.5
GERMANY	182.0	182.3	180.9	176.9
HONG KONG	1917.2	1919.9	1913.4	1945.9
FINLAND	123.6	123.8	124.2	123.5
ITALY	420.2	420.2	414.8	402.3
JAPAN	1291.7	1290.6	1294.0	1269.9
NETHERLANDS	260.0	261.7	261.3	253.4
NEW ZEAL	98.3	97.8	97.9	96.1
NORWAY	485.4	494.6	495.7	498.9
SPORE	638.5	646.9	647.7	633.7
SPAIN	261.0	261.0	262.5	266.6
SWEDEN	911.5	917.0	917.0	910.0
SWITZ	159.7	160.8	160.4	157.4
U.K.	549.2	557.9	555.0	556.5
U.S.A.	238.4	241.9	242.1	251.9
WORLD	440.5	443.4	441.4	446.8
E.A.F.E.	835.4	837.8	831.9	829.3

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Wall Street Statistics * Composite

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
PHIL ELEC	18 1/8	-	1/8	DOME PETE	1 7/64		
MOEST UTIL	18 7/8	+	1/8	COASTAL CA	1 1/2	-	1/8
CON ILL PS	20 1/2	-	UNCH	WING LAB B	9		UNCH
VIRAS NORMAK	12 7/8	-	1/8	I.T.C.H. CP	7 3/4	-	1/8
IBM	115 3/8	-	1/8	TEXAS	1 7/8	-	1/8
US SHOE CP	25 3/4	+ 1/4		ENGLISH AIR	10 1/2	-	1/8
GEN ELEC	39 3/4	+ 1/4		ANDAHIL CP	43 7/8	+	1/8
NAVISTAR	5 5/8	-	1/8	DELMED			UNCH
DIGITAL EQ	97 1/8	+ 1/8		LORIMER TE	12 7/8	+	1/8
ATT	24 7/8	-	1/8	ECHO BAY	18 1/8		UNCH
NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE				AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
DARWIN	24 5/8	+ 5 5/8		VERMINT RES	2 1/8	+	1/4
VESTRON IN	5 1/8	- 3/8		TWO PESOS	2 7/8	+	1/4
DIVERS IND	3 3/4	- 1/4		C COCA SCR	4 7/8	+	3/8
SO UNION	8	- 1/4		SEC CAP CP	2 1/8	-	1/4
BUSINESS	10 5/8	- 7/8		HERITAGE	2 1/2	-	1/4
NYSE VOLUME	59,296,100			AMEX VOLUME	3,193,000		
STOCKS UP	437			STOCKS UP	142		
STOCKS DOWN	593			STOCKS DOWN	206		
15-AUG NASDAQ VOLUME	112,601,200						
STOCKS UP	610 DOWN 1485						

Wall Street Market Report

NEW YORK, Aug. 16, Reuter: Stocks were narrowly mixed and quiet after falling moderately in early trading. The fall followed the report of a bigger than expected adjusted June US trade deficit. Exports fell and imports rose. However, analysts said bargain hunting

The Dow 30 index was up six at 10:10 after briefly falling under 2000. However, declining issues held a two-to-one lead over gainers. Trading was slow. Commerce Secretary Verity blamed the trade deficit rise on import demand stemming from a strong economy. However, he said the long-term US trade picture was still improving.

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International Bond Highlights

LONDON — The coupon on the 200 min dir, five year equity warrant Eurobond for Kinki Nippon Railway Co Ltd has been indicated at 5-5/8 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. The last five year deal in the equity warrant sector was indicated at 5-1/4 pct, bond market sources noted. (RTUP 0909)

Frankfurt — Denmark's privatbank A/S is issuing a bullet 140 min mark, five year Eurobond with a six pct coupon priced at 101, Deutsche Bank AG said as lead manager. (RTW 1403)

Geneva — Polly Peck International Finance Ltd is issuing a 100 min Swiss franc, 5-5/8 pct bond priced at par, lead manager S.G. Warburg Soditit SA said. (RTUS 0920)

London — Norway's Bergen Bank A/S is issuing a five billion yen Eurobond due August 22, 1993, paying 4-7/8 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd said. (RTV 1013)

London — Christiania Bank OG Kreditkasse of Norway is issuing a three billion yen step-up Eurobond due August 31, 1993 priced at 102 pct, lead manager Mitsubishi Finance International Ltd said. (RTUJ 0832)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 10-1/8 9-7/8	11 10-7/8	11-9/16 7/16
FFI 4.85/95	5 15/16	5.35/45
PAR 7-7/16 1/2	7-5/16 7/16	7-11/16 13/16
ZUR 3-6/8 1-7/8	3 3-1/4	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRX 3.60	6-7/8 15/16	7-5/16 3/8
ROM 9-7/8 10-3/8	10-1/2 1/1	11 11-1/2
AMS 4-1/4 4-3/4	5-5/16 5-7/16	5-1/2 5-5/8
TOK 3.8750 9375	4.1250 1875	4.0625 1250
ECU 7.00 7.25	7.25 7.37	7.50 7.62

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-5/16	6-5/8
3 months	6-1/4	6-1/2
6 months	6-3/16	6-1/2
1 year	6-1/4	6-9/16

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	57.75	56	36.50	NICO	587.50	580	580
ACC	235	234	225.50	GRASIM	47	47	50	46	85	85
ASIA PAINT	165.25	157.50	161.25	GSFC	107	106	106	106	497.50	492.50
BAJAJ AUTO	268.75	267.50	261.25	HIND LEVER	68.50	68.50	68.50	PEICO	29.50	29.50
BAR. RAYON	240	232.50	233	HINDALCO	93	94	93	PFIZER	57.50	58
BOM. DYING	110	114.50	111	HINDOCOCA	86.25	85	86.25	PRE-AUTO	32.50	33
B. BOND	85	83	85	HINDOMOT	26.50	25.75	25.50	RAYMOND	50	49
BSE INDEX	600.95	600.77	600.77	IND ORG	23.50	24	23	RELIANCE	204	202
CENTURYSP	892.50	880	882.50	INDROYAL	66.50	65.50	66.50	SIEMENS	70	68.50
COLGATE	221.25	220	218.75	INDROL	160	157.50	167.50	SPIC	50	49
DEEPAKERT	38	38.50	37.25	ITC	43	41	42	STONWILL	252.50	240
E.I. HOTEL	49.50	49	50	JKSYNTH	66.50	65	66	TATA PHR	245	240
ESKAYE	120	118.75	120	L AND T	114.50	115	114.50	TATACHEM	75	75.50
ESSAR	18.25	18.50	18	NAHINDRA	56.50	56.50	55.50	TELECO	682.50	682.50
GR. POLY	78.50	78.50	78.50	MASTERSHR	10.40	10	10.25	TISCO	813.75	812.50
RE. SHIP	28.12	28.25	28.12	MATHER PL	46	45	46	VOLTA	325	320

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AGF	202.7	202.4
ALLIANZ VR	1500.0	1521.0
BADENWERK	180.0	183.2
BASF	257.0	260.8
BAYER	287.4	291.0
BAYER HYP	332.0	333.5
BAYER VER	334.0	339.0
BBC	0	304.0
BIF	407.5	412.0
BOM	484.0	489.0
COMMERZBK	222.8	224.0
CONTI GUM	244.0	248.3
DANER BEN	652.0	656.0
DEUTSCH BIK	455.0	463.5
DLV	356.0	362.0
DRESNER B	251.3	251.0
DT BAROCK	181.2	185.5
FAZ INDEX	479.22	479.48
RELIANCE	271.0	271.0
GOLDSTEIN	290.0	290.0
HARDPNER	0	425.5
HOECHST AG	276.6	280.1
HOESCH	151.5	150.8
HORTEN	191.0	195.0
HUSSEL HLD	417.0	421.0
KALI SALZ	171.0	175.0
KARSTADT	401.0	405.0
KAUFHOF	348.0	350.5
KLOECK H	138.6	141.0
KLOECK U	0	101.0
LMDE	686.0	690.0
LUFTHANSA	136.5	137.5
MAN	197.5	200.5
MANNESMAN	170.5	174.0
MERCEDES	514.0	518.5
RETAILGOS	297.0	298.0
WIDOR PF	426.0	427.5
KORSE HYD	58.0	58.80
PHILIP KOM	596.0	598.0
PORSCHE	554.0	555.0
PREUSSAG	171.2	174.0
PMA	213.5	212.0
RHEINMETAL	280.0	284.0
RME	229.0	227.0
RUE	211.5	209.5
SALAMANDER	253.0	253.5
SCHERING	505.5	502.0
SEL	286.5	290.0
SIEMENS	424.6	428.5
THYSEN	150.0	151.5
VARIA	275.0	278.0
VEBA	253.5	257.2
VEW	159.4	159.4
VOLKSWAGEN	250.7	251.5

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
C HET TUNNEL	15.00	15.20
CHEUNG K	7.35	7.40
CHINA GAS	16.10	16.30
CHINA L-P	16.30	16.50
CHINA NOTR	21.60	21.20
COSMO PROP	3.52	4.00
EVERGOLD	4.47	4.48
FAE EAST C	7.78	7.77
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELOP	9.65	9.35
H S INDEX	589.36	600.63
HANG LUNG	4.97	4.95
HANG SENG	30.25	29.90
HAW PAR BR	9.72	21.00
HK ELEC CO	7.20	7.15
HK KLOON	8.10	7.95
HK LAND CO	8.30	8.20
HK SHAN BK	6.15	6.25
HK SHAN HT	4.87	4.68
HK TELE CO	5.50	5.45
UTCH UNAM	8.95	8.95
NO EQ PAC	12.00	12.10
ORDINE H	13.30	13.20
QALOON H	9.25	9.20
EV WORLD	7.00	11.10
AUL Y CON	2.10	2.38
EALTY DEV	7.0	7.0
H K CO	2.05	2.00
H K PROP	10.30	10.40
THE DARBY	2.07	1.99
TELUX MFG	2.85	2.75
WIRE PAC	18.60	18.40
V B CO	12.80	13.10
AI CHEUNG	3.60	3.65
VIOM BANK	1.56	1.59
JOCK HART	0	7.25
JOCK HART	0	1.15
WLD INTL	3.80	3.88

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	NITSOB CP	1150	1150
AJINOMOTO	2970	2900	NITSOB EST	2380	2340
AKAI ELEC	619	618	NITSOB WY	950	925
AKI	949	949	NITSOB CO	905	899
ASAHI GLS	1910	1930	NITSOB KOSHI	1850	1860
ASAHI OPT	697	700	NITSOB EL	1110	1130
BANK TOKYO	1560	1560	NICHICOM	1420	1380
BRIDGESTON	1310	1330	NIHON CHMT	795	800
CANON	1600	1640	NIKKO SEC	1880	1900
CASIO COMP	1250	1250	NIP ELEC	2200	2190
CHUGAI PHM	1570	1570	NIP KOKAM	650	647
CITIZEN W	806	813	NIP OIL	1100	1090
D-ICHI KAN	3000	3030	NIP STEEL	715	718
DAI NIP IK	797	808	NIP YUSEN	740	752
DAI NIP PT	2530	2500	NIS MOTOR	1170	1170
DAI NIP TO	1100	1130	NOMURA SEC	3690	3710
DAI NIP TO	599	590	ONDA CO	950	945
DAICEL	870	887	OLYMPUS	1140	1130
DAIWA H	1980	1990	PENTA OCN	835	839
DAIWA SEC	2380	2400	PIONEER	3920	3940
EBARA MFG	953	951	REKON	932	930
EISAI	2050	2050	RICOR	1380	1400
FUJITSU	1850	1870	SANKYO	2060	2060
FUJI BANK	3180	3180	SANYO ELEC	718	735
FUJI PHOTO	3800	3760	SEIYU ST	2300	2280
FUJISAWA	1790	1790	SEKISUI PB	1730	1730
FUJITA CP	710	709	SHARP	1210	1190
HITACHI	1830	1860	SHISEIDO	1700	1670
HONDA MOT	2200	2240	SONY	7160	7110
ISETAN	2240	2250	SUMITOMO	1060	1080
ITO YOKADO	4250	4220	TAISEI	895	886
JAP SYN RU	1110	1150	TAISHO PHM	1040	1050
JAPAN AIR	14600	14600	TAKEDA CH	2610	2620
JAPAN RET	615	618	TEIJIN	770	771
KANSAI	1430	1410	TEI NEN IX	187.49	189.85
KANSAI EL	3050	3070	TOKIO MTR	1940	1960
KAO SOAP	1770	1750	TOKIO ELEC	1290	1280
KAWASAKI H	661	665	TOKYO GAS	1230	1250
KAWASAKI S	735	732	TOKYO POWR	5710	5680
KIRIN BEV	1960	1910	TORAY IND	853	853
KOMATSU	753	756	TOSHIBA EL	1130	1110
KUBOTA LTD	717	713	TOTO	2070	2060
KYOCERA	6040	5990	TOYO KIOGY	675	669
MAKITA EL	1750	1770	TOYOTA MOT	2730	2780
MARUI	3030	3050	YAMADA	1450	1380
MATSUDA EI	2800	2810	YAMAMOTO	1880	1890
MATSUDA EL	0	2660	YAMAMOTO	4030	3980
MEIJI SEIK	934	915	YAMAZAKI	1480	1510

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS SLIGHTLY LOWER AT CLOSE
TOKYO, AUG 16, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED SLIGHTLY LOWER AFTER HOLDING NEAR A NARROW 100-POINT RANGE THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN THIN TURNOVER, PARTLY DAMPENED BY SUMMER HOLIDAYS, BROKERS SAID.

"INVESTORS ARE WORRIED THE U.S. (JUNE) TRADE DEFICIT WILL WORSEN AND ARE AFRAID OF THE EFFECT IT COULD HAVE ON CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATES," SAID AKIHIRO NAKAMURA, A BROKER AT OKASAKI SECURITIES. "THERE WAS NOT MUCH TRADE TODAY. EVERYONE IS WAITING FOR TONIGHT." THE TRADE DATA IS DUE OUT AT 1230 GMT.

THE NIKKEI INDEX SLIPPED 4.74 POINTS, OR 0.02 PCT, TO 27,896.55. IT ROSE 67.78 POINTS ON MONDAY.

FALLS LED RISES BY 1.5 TO ONE IN THIN TURNOVER OF 260 MLN SHARES AGAINST 230 MLN.

SECURITIES HOUSE, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, GAS, RUBBER, PHARMACEUTICAL, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, RETAIL BANK, CREDIT/LEASE AND ROLLING STOCK ISSUES LED THE FALL.

THE RAILWAY/BUS, COMMUNICATIONS, AIRLINE, MACHINERY, GLASS/CEMENT, MINING, FISHERY, FOOD, TEXTILE AND WAREHOUSE SECTORS ROSE.

WALL STREET'S 33-POINT DROP TO 2,004 ON MONDAY, THE LOWEST SINCE MAY 27, HELPED PUT AN INITIAL DAMPER ON TRADE, PUSHING THE INDEX TO ITS DAY'S LOW OF 27,780.62 AFTER THE OPENING.

BROKERS GENERALLY PROJECTED THE U.S. JUNE DEFICIT AT BETWEEN 11 BILLION AND 12 BILLION DLRS, AGAINST 10.93 IN MAY.

"THE WORST POSSIBLE SCENARIO IS IF THE FIGURE IS WAY ABOVE THE ESTIMATE, SAY 12.5 OR 13, DESTABILISING CURRENCY AND SHOCKING WALL STREET," SAID NICK AKERS, AN ANALYST AT GOLDMAN SACHS (JAPAN) CORP.

A LARGE SHORTFALL MIGHT WEAKEN THE DOLLAR. THIS COULD INDICATE STRONG U.S. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND CAUSE CONCERN OVER HIGHER INTEREST RATES TO STEM INFLATIONARY FEARS.

HIGHER INTEREST RATES ARE A MARKET FEAR SINCE FIXED INTEREST INSTRUMENTS BECOME MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN EQUITIES.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, AUG 16, REUTER - STOCKS CLOSED LOWER ON SLIGHTLY IMPROVED TURNOVER THAT MAINLY FOCUSED ON BLUE CHIPS, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX LOST 11.27 POINTS TO 2,589.36 AND THE BROADER BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS DOWN 6.57 AT 1,709.34.

TURNOVER ROSE TO 572.42 MLN H.K. DLRS AFTER SETTING A 23-MONTH LOW OF 336.92 MLN.

BROKERS SAID THE FUND MANAGERS WERE STILL TESTING FOR A LOW OF THE HANG SENG INDEX AFTER ITS RECENT DECLINES. "IT MAY FIND ITS BOTTOM AROUND EITHER 2,550 OR 2,570," SAID AN U.S. BROKERAGE HOUSE TRADER.

AMMAN

ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	OPNG	CLSG
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.		
ARAB BANK		
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.96	3.95
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.36	1.36
ARAB INSURANCE	0.90	0.85
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.30	0.29
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.		
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN		
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS		
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.		
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.		
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	3.65	3.55
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INSURANCE	1.29	1.33
GENERAL INVESTMENT		
GENERAL MINING		
HINMAN MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.25	1.26
IND./MATCH JENCO		
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP	1.47	1.47
INDUSTRIAL COM/TRA		
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV	0.20	0.20
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.85	0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
INTERMED/PETRI/CH		
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.50	14.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR		
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER		
JOR FINANCE HOUSE		
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.94	0.94
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.49	1.49
JOR INS AND FID.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.60	0.66
JOR LHM BRICK		
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK		
JOR PAPER CARDBRIG		
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS		
JOR PIPES MANUFACT		
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15

BUSINESS

Gold steadies

US trade figures send dollar tumbling

LONDON, Aug. 16, (Reuters): The dollar dropped today after news of another big US trade deficit, but stock markets showed more resilience.

Wall Street was advancing at New York's midday after an early retreat. Some currency dealers also said they thought the dollar was sold too hard.

The United States said its June trade gap was \$12.54 billion, way above most market forecasts. But it also revised the May deficit down from \$10.9 to \$9.7 billion.

"The initial selling was overdone," said Ernst Pullmann, a currency dealer in Frankfurt for DZG Bank. "The June number was bad... but May was much better."

Low

The dollar ended in London at 1.8705 West German marks. That was down from Monday's 1.8822 and well below 19-month highs at 1.92 touched last week.

But it was up from a quoted low for the day of 1.86 to which it

fell within minutes of the trade figures being announced.

"The numbers had something for both the bulls and the bears. Neither side could dig in their heels and push too far," a US bank dealer in Europe said.

The dollar ended at 132.90 yen after a day's low of 131.

Wall Street stocks declined in early trading and the Dow Jones industrial average, after a 33-point fall on Monday, at one point briefly dipped under 2,000.

But blue chips recovered as bargain-hunters moved in and at New York's midday the Dow was up 16.53 at 2,020.80.

In London shares were mixed to steady in the latter part of trading session which saw prices move in a tight range on low volume, dealers said. By 1416 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 2.3 points up at 1,819.1.

The index touched an early low of 1,811.8 as market makers adjusted prices to reflect Monday's heavy fall on Wall Street

and took up defensive positions ahead of US trade figures.

Dealers said the downward revision of the US May deficit to \$9.7 billion from 10.93 billion probably tempered Wall Street's reaction to the larger than expected June deficit.

They said today's US trade news was pretty well discounted after Monday's 33 point fall on Wall Street.

But speculation about higher interest rates around the world remains. British money market interest rates are already pointing to another half point rise in base rates to 11-1/2 pct. The key three month interbank sterling rate was trading 1/16 point firmer this afternoon at 11-9/16 7/16 pct.

The dollar's fall on the US trade figures lifted sterling and this helped bring three month interbank, the market's guide to the trend in base rates, back from an earlier high.

But dealers said the equity

market could show some nervousness ahead of Thursday's UK July money supply and bank lending data. Dealers anticipate a record bank lending figure, especially after the surge in UK July retail sales announced yesterday.

Some believe the UK banking authorities are likely to resist a further rise in base rates until the impact of the recent hikes has been gauged.

Economic analysts here are saying UK base rates could reach 12 pct in the medium term and possibly go even higher in the longer term before they fall back.

News that Britain's public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) was £1.7 billion in surplus during July compared to the small requirement in June had little impact on shares today.

The surplus was far above expectations and could be reflected in the bank lending figures due this week.

Today's PSBR surplus figures

showed sharply increased tax receipts which analysts suggested might have been funded by increased borrowings. This will show in the bank lending data.

US imports rose 5.7 per cent in June, a gain which suggests that interest rates may have to go higher to cool feverish consumer demand for goods and a danger of inflation.

Relatively high US interest rates were what lured money to dollar assets earlier this summer and drove the dollar up.

But the excess of America's imports over exports may argue a weaker dollar eventually.

The gold price was little changed at \$432.65 an ounce at the London market's afternoon fix after rising to \$434 just after the trade figures.

"The inflationary impact of rising US imports was the major factor behind gold's short-lived rise today," said Nick Hatch, analyst at London brokers Kleinwort Grieson.

Despite Jakarta's high debt burden

Indonesian economy forecast to grow faster

JAKARTA, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Indonesia has laid the base for industrial growth and the economy of South-East Asia's largest nation is set to expand by an average 5.0 per cent a year over the next five years, President Suharto said today.

In a nationally-televised speech to Parliament, Suharto said despite its high debt burden Indonesia would go on borrowing abroad to finance development because it had the ability to repay.

Stability

The 67-year-old leader, speaking on the eve of Indonesian Independence Day, called for clean and authoritative government. He said there should be an all-out struggle to wean the economy away from dependence on oil revenues by boosting exports in other sectors.

Indonesia, a country of 175 million is developing a more balanced economy, in which the people are clearly better off, and building the political framework which will ensure stability, he said.

"In general we can say that the level of our people's well-being is increasingly high. This is clearly visible through the increasingly

small number of members of our society who live below the poverty line," he said.

Suharto, who has ruled the world's largest Muslim nation for the past 22 years, said the economy had been badly hit by the 1986 slump in world oil prices and large currency fluctuations which had added to the debt repayment burden.

Growth

But he said Indonesia had succeeded in laying the base for the growth of an industrial society, with expansion of the manufacturing sector averaging 10.2 per cent a year in the present five-year plan which ends next March.

He forecast that overall the economy would grow by an average 5.0 per cent a year in the 1989/94 five-year plan.

Products

The target is the same as for the present five-year plan but that target has not been achieved, according to the International Monetary Fund which estimates the average annual growth rate in the current five-year plan to be 4.2 per cent.

Suharto said in the coming five-year plan Indonesia must

consolidate its self-sufficiency in food and cut the population growth rate from 2.1 per cent a year to 1.9 per cent. It should also build a strong industrial export sector putting greater emphasis than previously on private enterprise.

Suharto, re-elected for a fifth five-year term as President in March, said Indonesian manufactured products were penetrating world markets, particularly in the fields of textiles, clothes, cement, fertilizers, paper, tyres and steel.

Indonesia is traditionally an exporter of unprocessed commodities and raw materials such as rubber, tea, coffee, timber and tin, but is moving more and more into processing commodities itself.

He said the debt burden was high, but Indonesia would go on borrowing because it needed the money to develop its economy.

Loans

"With regard to foreign loans, I need to explain that the main problem is not the amount, but our ability to repay them. Foreign loans that come within the limit of our ability to repay do not constitute a debt burden to succeeding generations because

they will be paid off by the gains of development that was financed by them," he stated.

He did not give the government's estimate for total debt outstanding, but the International Monetary Fund says in the current financial year which ends in March total public and private sector debt is expected to reach \$51.3 billion, which is the highest in Asia.

The government has vowed not to reschedule the debt, and Suharto said Indonesia had shown its ability to manage foreign loans in a responsible way.

Impact

"This has had a positive impact on the outside world, so that other countries still have faith in us and continue to provide loans under appropriate terms."

Western aid donors meeting in The Hague in June, pledged \$4.01 billion in soft loans and grants to Indonesia for fiscal 1988/89.

Japan's Export-Import Bank last month agreed an untied loan of up to \$376 million as part of stepped-up help by Tokyo for Indonesia.

Trade ties between India and Pakistan continue to remain very low

NEW DELHI, Aug. 16, (KUNA): Trade relations between India and Pakistan continue to remain at very low level despite efforts being made to improve them.

Indian Minister of State for Commerce, R. Das Munshi told parliament today that bilateral trade rose marginally from Rs410 million in 1985-86 to 420 million in 1986-87 and stood at Rs 500 million in 1987-88.

The minister said several suggestions have been received from various exporters associations for promoting trade with Pakistan. However, there is no formal proposal before the government to conclude an agreement in this regard.

Encouragement

Meanwhile to provide impetus to bilateral trade, a number of measures had been taken including encouragement to Indian public sector to establish contacts with their counterparts in Pakistan.

Exchange of trade delegations and invitations to Pakistani industrialists to participate in several exhibitions and fairs are other measures in this regard.

The minister said the government was aware of the Pakistani decision to permit its private sector to send their goods to India without routing them through their trade corporation.

However, it was not yet possible to make any quantitative assessment as to whether it would result in an increase in bilateral trade except that the reduction in bureaucratic procedures may encourage Pakistani exporters to look more to India.

No similar restrictions are imposed on Indian exporters especially for trade with Pakistan, Das Munshi pointed out.

KD deposit rates mostly steady in quiet trade

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates were mostly steady in quiet trade yesterday, but some short dates rose and others fell as funds from maturing Central Bank deposits entered the market.

Dealers said overnight dealt at eight per cent after quotes of 11 on Monday. The Central Bank had taken deposits three weeks ago to sop up excess liquidity and these funds, now maturing, had driven down the rate, they said.

Tomorrow-next and spot next funds strengthened, trading at eight, 7-1/2 and seven, six per cent respectively, after Monday's uniform six, five.

Traders reported little or no business in the fixed periods. One, three and six months firmed 1/8 point on the bid side to 6-1/2, 1/4, and one-year edged up 1/8 point on the offer side to 6-3/4, 1/4.

Easier

The Central Bank set the dinar easier at 0.2833/43 to the dollar from 0.28310/20 on Monday.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal inter-bank deposit rates firmed yesterday in moderately active trade, although dealers reported a subdued market ahead of the US June trade statistics, due to be released at 1230 GMT.

They said most activity was in the shorter maturities, with banks trying to cover themselves until Monday, the settlement date for the fifth 1.5 billion riyal (\$400 million) offering of Saudi government bonds.

Saudi interest rates closely track those of the dollar, and dealers said the US trade figures could be important in deciding which way both dollar and riyal interest rates will go.

Production could rise next year

Coffee and cocoa growers feel the pinch

LONDON, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Coffee and cocoa growers feel aggrieved.

Like the OPEC oil organisation, they have been left behind by a world boom in commodity prices this year.

While America's worst drought in 50 years drove up grain futures and low stocks conspired with rising demand to send base metals to record highs, surpluses still beset the cocoa and coffee markets to the dismay of debt-laden Third World sellers.

Coffee at just over a dollar a pound is near a seven-year low. Cocoa at under \$900 (\$1,540) a tonne is at its weakest in six years. In real terms, allowing for inflation, both are at their lowest since the 1960s.

Debtor

"It's not only a coffee problem but a debt problem. Many coffee producers have external debts, but when prices are low the dollars to pay them don't come in," said Jorge Ortega of the Mexican Coffee Institute in London.

Brazil, the biggest coffee producer, is also the Third World's biggest debtor, owing

more than \$100 billion. Ortega stressed that all Central American countries depend heavily on coffee. "At these low prices, producers' economies will be hit very severely," he said.

Coffee and cocoa are also key exports for some of the poorest countries in Africa. A London dealer said that in Uganda, where coffee accounts for some 75 per cent of export earnings, growers are getting about half what they were paid three years ago.

Efforts

Ivory Coast, the largest cocoa producer, is stockpiling its own cocoa to try to shore up prices. Cocoa brings in roughly half its export earnings. Its debt cost \$1 billion a year to service.

Gluts in cocoa and coffee reflect efforts among Third World producers to plant more and cash in on earlier higher prices at a time when markets in affluent nations were almost saturated.

The popularity of the filled, rather than the solid, chocolate bar is a disaster for cocoa growers.

Food and beverage multinational companies can meanwhile generate higher profits.

An Ivory Coast official said cheap raw materials helped Swiss food giants Nestle SA and Jacobs Suchard AG to a position where they could spend billions of dollars in a takeover battle for a British confectioner, Rowntree PLC.

Called 'bar wars' by the British popular press, the struggle finally left Nestle paying \$4.35 billion for the British firm while Suchard was free to cash in on its Rowntree shares at a substantial profit.

Agreements

International agreements which try to support coffee and cocoa prices by holding back excess supply have been ineffective in the face of current surpluses.

And production could rise next year.

Some analysts predict a record cocoa surplus of more than 100,000 tonnes, while Brazil expects a bumper coffee crop of more than 40 million bags (2.4 million tonnes), almost double this year's harvest.

Faith in international commodity support efforts has ebbed since a tin pact collapsed in 1985 when its buffer stock ran out of money to buy tin in the market and went bankrupt, owing millions of dollars.

The future of the coffee agreement, which groups 74 producer and consumer countries, is in question because the United States, the biggest consumer, has not decided whether it wants to maintain its membership beyond 1989.

Disputes

A cocoa agreement is paralysed by internal disputes and is short of cash.

"If the coffee agreement breaks down, prices will go even lower and there will be even bigger problems for producers," said a diplomat from one leading producer country.

Arthur Cherry, an analyst with London coffee dealers E.D. and F. Man, predicted a disaster if there are no international efforts to control supply.

"People will fight for market share, it will be the survival of the fittest," he said.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug. 16, (Reuters): The share market closed sharply lower, breaching 1600 points, on worries about the June US trade deficit. The All Ordinaries index was down 25.7 at 1,599.2.

TOKYO: Shares prices closed slightly lower after holding a narrow 100-point range throughout the day in thin turnover. The Nikkei index fell 4.74 to 27,896.55.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed lower on slightly improved turnover that mainly focused on blue chips. The Hang Seng index was down 11.27 to 2,589.36.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed narrowly mixed after bargain-hunting erased earlier losses. The Straits Times industrial index was 1.90 lower at 1,120.88.

BOMBAY: Prices fell sharply after angry brokers held up the start of trading to demand reinstatement of an expelled colleague.

LONDON: Shares closed mixed to steady after a session in which prices moved in a tight range on low volume. At 1416 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 2.3 at 1,819.1.

ZURICH: Prices were lower

across the board on low turnover ahead of the release of US trade figures. The All-Share Swiss index fell 7.9 to 878.2.

PARIS: Prices regained some ground after slipping back on news of the US June trade deficit. The 30-share bourse indicator fell by 1.45 pct.

Oil prices drift lower

LONDON, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Crude oil prices in European spot markets today lost most of the small gains achieved in late business on Monday in the United States, traders said.

Towards the close of lacklustre trading, North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude, was quoted around \$14.80 a barrel for September delivery, five cents above levels at the same time on Monday. It closed in New York on Monday at around \$14.95.

The key US grade, West Texas Intermediate, was 10 cents higher at \$15.50 a barrel, while Dubai, the leading Middle East grade, gained five cents to stand at \$13.00.



Dealers on the National Westminster World Money Market in London keep a close eye on their screens, after news of a higher than expected US June trade deficit. The dollar plunged in reaction to the news. (Reuters wirephoto)

Economy is expanding

American trade deficit widens

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, (UPI): The June US trade deficit shot up to an unexpected \$12.5 billion but revisions showed May's gap was a nearly four-year low of \$9.8 billion, the Commerce Department reported today.

Analysts had forecast the gap would be about the same as the previously reported \$10.9 billion May deficit. The poor showing for June could send shockwaves through world financial markets and embarrass the Republicans meeting in New Orleans.

Disappointment

Stocks, bonds and the dollar all dropped after the trade report showed Americans were still pouring more money overseas than they brought in, reversing the slight improving trend of the past few months.

But most experts hoped the June deterioration would prove to be only a "one-month blip," as Jay Goldinger, an economist for Capital Insight Inc. in Beverly Hills, California, said.

"The trade figure was a huge disappointment and suggests that the trade deficit will find it tough to improve from current levels," said Allen Sinai, chief economist for the Boston Co.

"The news today on trade and the recent behaviour of US financial markets and inflation is justifiable ammunition for the Democrats and doesn't make for pleasant reading for the Republicans," Sinai said.

"No one wants a major slowdown or depression as a way to

cure the trade deficit," Sinai said. "A better way would be to cut the budget deficit."

The department's Census Bureau said June imports were a record \$39.4 billion and exports declined from May to \$26.8 billion after adjustments for seasonal variations.

The revised \$9.8 billion trade deficit for May reflected adjustments for Canadian imports and was the narrowest since December 1984 when it was \$8.0 billion, the department said.

The seasonally adjusted June gap of \$12.5 billion reflected increases in imports of capital goods, cars and automotive parts and consumer goods and reduced imports of industrial supplies and food.

Exports of capital goods, food, automobiles and parts dropped in June, while exports of industrial supplies rose.

The trade balance deteriorated with virtually every major US trading partner.

Down

The oil picture was about the only bright spot in the report. Imports were down from 7.76 million barrels per day in May to 7.36 million in June, and the price dropped from \$16.40 per barrel to \$16.19.

The department's three-month running average of the trade deficit, designed to smooth out sharp monthly variations, was 10.9 billion in June, up from \$10.6 billion in May, which was the lowest since the department began keeping the average in March 1986.

On an unadjusted basis, June imports of \$40.0 billion and exports of \$27.4 billion resulted in a deficit of \$12.6 billion, \$3.1 billion more than the revised May deficit of \$9.5 billion.

The trade report followed other government reports showing industrial production up sharply and retail sales and wholesale prices also rising.

The reports indicated the economy is expanding and renewed concerns among some economists and government regulators that strong domestic and export demand might push the nation's industry past its peak and set off an inflationary spiral.

Policy

The Federal Reserve Board last week raised its benchmark discount interest rate from 6 per cent to 6.5 per cent to cool off domestic demand and clip the wings of inflation.

"As long as we keep buying so much from overseas, our trade deficit cannot improve," he said. "The only other way is for further declines in the dollar or a recession and neither is very pleasant to contemplate."

The deficit improved in April to a seasonally adjusted \$10.3 billion, the lowest since \$9.9 billion in August 1985, the department said.

The trade deficit was \$170.3 billion for 1987. The last US trade surplus was \$2.98 billion in 1975.

Checking gas flares in Nigeria

LAGOS, Aug. 16, (OPECNA): Nigeria's gas reserves are estimated at 2.5 trillion cubic metres, with a life-span of more than 100 years. However, the delay in developing a comprehensive gas policy for the country has led to the flaring of an estimated 75 per cent of total gas production.

Although the production of gas in Nigeria commenced with the export of crude oil in 1958, its utilisation and marketing as fuel for domestic cooking, industrial uses and lighting only gained popularity in the 60s after the commissioning of Nigeria's first refinery in Port Harcourt in 1964.

Consumption

Energy use in the country has grown tremendously during the last two decades with domestic consumption increasing from 31,000 tonnes to 73,000 tonnes between 1978 and 1984. The distribution and export of gas remained low compared with oil which has dominated the energy scene as revenue from it has continued to fuel development.

Although the Nigerian government has not come up with a gas policy, some definite programmes exist on mass utilisation, especially of associated gas which has been flared over the years.

Several incentives and government legislation have resulted in reduction in gas flaring. From

available statistics, the quantity of associated gas flared has dropped.

A recent study by Dr D. Egbuna, a senior official of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), showed that the amount of gas flared in Nigeria in 1986 could be equated to the total electricity generated in the country last year.

Losses

Perhaps it is the realisation of the huge losses in revenue resulting from indiscriminate gas flares that made the Nigerian government welcome the pioneering efforts of the Nigerian Agip Oil in gas re-injection projects in the country.

Commissioning the \$75 million Kwale Okpai gas plant, constructed through a joint venture involving Agip Oil Nigeria, Philips Oil and the NNPC, Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida announced plans by the government to promulgate a national gas policy to facilitate the development of gas.

Goal

According to the president, the policy will clarify conditions for private sector participation in the production, transportation and distribution of the country's gas. It would also contain a pricing mechanism that would make gas demand competitive and attractive in relation to other

liquid and solid fuels.

The gas re-injection plant, Agip's second in the country, is designed to re-inject about 80 million cu ft and 10,000 barrels of condensates daily.

Giorgio Pesenti, Agip's managing director, said that the primary goal of the recycling plant was to produce more liquid hydrocarbons while maintaining the reservoir of energy through gas injection and preservation.

Pesenti explained that his company embarked on the project following the appeal made by the Nigerian government to reduce gas flaring and conserve the country's gas reserves.

"The investment in gas re-injection is a good investment in the country's future," Pesenti remarked.

Transportation firm nets \$12m profit

BAGHDAD, Aug. 16, (OPECNA): The Iraqi-Jordanian joint venture transportation company recorded a profit of about \$12 million in 1987, according to a spokesman of the Ministry of Transport and Communication here.

He attributed the profit to the country's increasing efforts.

The company's operating a fleet of about 750 trucks, carries most of the goods transported between the two countries.

Ministers to co-ordinate oil policies

JAKARTA, Aug. 16, (OPECNA): The energy ministers of Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei, the three oil producers in the Southeast Asian region, are scheduled to meet on the Indonesian island of Bali on Saturday to discuss closer co-ordination of their petroleum policies.

Co-operation

Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Ginandjar Kartasasmita told OPECNA today that the deliberations might result in the setting up of a forum which could be compared to the African Petroleum Producers Association (APPA) or OLADE, the Latin American

energy organisation.

"Nothing is fixed yet on how the shape of the co-operation between the three countries will be, but the basic idea is to co-ordinate our oil policies and step up co-operation in petroleum related issues," he said.

He said that the co-ordination between the three oil producers of which only Indonesia is an OPEC member, should then be more "effective and intensive."

According to Ginandjar, the Bali meeting should also be seen as part of the dialogue between OPEC and non-OPEC oil producers aimed at stabilising the market and strengthening prices.

"It will also be an improvement on the co-operation already existing among members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to which Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei belong," he said.

Malaysia will be represented by Kasiah Gaddam, Minister



A SWEDISH coach with 45 passengers crashed into a rock wall killing 15 people. The injured were flown by helicopter to receive treatment at Haukeland hospital. (Reuter wirephoto)



GENERAL Alfredo Stroessner (centre) is applauded by Supreme Court President Luis Maria Argala (left) and by the President of the National Congress, Ezequiel Gonzales Alzina after being sworn in as President of Paraguay for the eighth time. (Reuter wirephoto)



TWO South Korean students participate in a mock traditional wedding with two totem poles representing North and South Korea standing in the background. The ceremony at Yonsei University symbolised the students' continuing hope for the reunification of the Korean peninsula. (Reuter wirephoto)



REPUBLICAN National Committee Chairman Frank Fahrenkopf bangs the gavel as he calls the 34th Republican Convention in New Orleans. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRANK DeLEILO, of Warren County, New Jersey, a member of the Convention security staff, wears the Republican Party symbol on his head at the opening session of the Republican National Convention. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRESIDENT Reagan reaches for some of the balloons that were released at the Republican National Convention. (Reuter wirephoto)



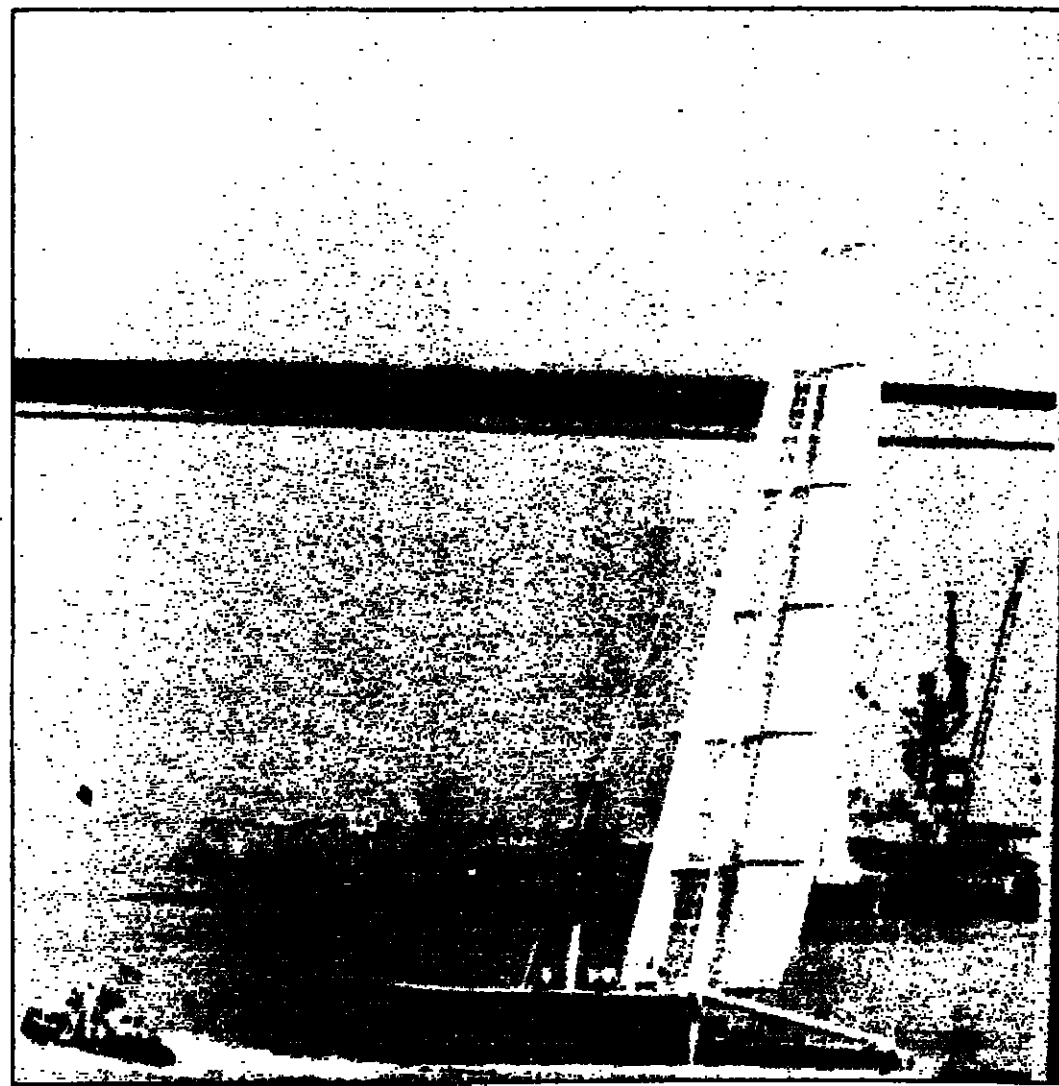
A PEDESTRIAN attempts to cross a flooded street in the downtown area of Zurich after a summer storm. (Reuter wirephoto)



IRANIAN President Ali Khamenei (centre) speaks to a group of Iranian combatants at the Iranian southern front. (Reuter wirephoto)



SWINGING out in London is American actress Page Hannah, star of the new cult film 'Shag' which goes on general release from Aug 18. (Reuter wirephoto)



ONE of Sail America's two catamarans is tested on San Diego Bay after being fitted with a new and larger 'hard sail'. The sail is 40 per cent larger and was designed to be used in light wind conditions. (Reuter wirephoto)

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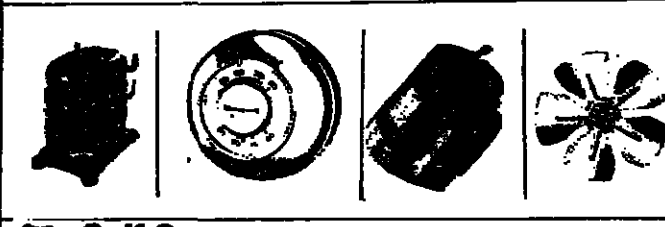
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Zivojinovic outplays Michibata

VINGSTON, N.J., Aug 16, (Reuters): Big-serving Slobodan Zivojinovic blasted in 13 aces on way to a straight sets victory over Canadian Glenn Michibata in the first round of the New York Cup tennis tournament yesterday.

Zivojinovic, the second seed, started slowly but came on strong to beat Michibata 7-6-3. Yulia Doubnya of Senegal, the fifth seed, also advanced to the second round, easily dismissing Sweden's unseeded Peter Lundgren 6-0-2.

Top-seeded American Andre Kassi was to play his opening match this evening.

Zivojinovic, a Wimbledon finalist in 1986, struggled early in the first set, his big power game defused by the finesse style of Michibata, who extended the Yugoslav to a tiebreaker.

Slicing
The second seed jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the tiebreaker before the quick Canadian began slicing the ball low, forcing errors from Zivojinovic and running off five straight points.

At 4-5, Zivojinovic held serve twice, then broke Michibata for the set 7-5 as the Canadian missed a volley.

Zivojinovic controlled the second set from the start as Michibata double faulted and then dropped serve in the second game when he netted a backhand.

The Yugoslav, meanwhile, just kept booming in the big serve.

"I was not worried in the first set because I was serving well," Zivojinovic said. "I had a lot of aces."

Potter blasts W. German at Canadian Open

MONTREAL, Aug 16, (Reuters): Tenth-seeded Barbara Potter, who has gained notoriety for changing shirts during her matches, made three quick changes on her way to a 6-1 6-4 win over West German Christina Singer at the Canadian Open yesterday.

Potter caused a furore at this year's Wimbledon championships in England with her shirt-changing routine, but the left-hander from Connecticut dismisses all the fuss.

"If you've ever been to Europe, the Mediterranean beaches, you'll see a lot more," she said.

Feel
"When it's excessively hot and the humidity is cloying with the sweatshirt around you, you feel 100 per cent lighter, fresher and freer when you change your shirt," Potter said.

In other results, Australian Nicole Provis, a French Open semifinalist, defeated Canadian Maureen Drake 11th seed Sylvia Hanika of West Germany beat Russian Leila Meshki, and Susan Mascarin beat fellow-American Jeri Ingram to advance to a second-round match against top seed Martina Navratilova.

Eighth-seeded Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany withdrew from the tournament because of complications arising from knee surgery earlier this summer, tournament organisers said.

Plunkett released
LOS ANGELES, Aug 16, (Reuters): Jim Plunkett, a 17-year veteran of the National Football League who quarterbacked two Super Bowl championship teams, was released by the Los Angeles Raiders yesterday.

Plunkett, 40, had not played since December, 1986, because of an injured shoulder.

CASH OVERCOMES VOLKOV

Edberg brushes aside S. African



Edberg: outplayed his opponent

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Aug 16, (Reuters): Top-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden looked sharp and sure of his shots as he outplayed Eddie Edwards of South Africa 6-2-6-2 in the first round of the ATP Tennis Championships yesterday.

Edberg, whose world ranking dropped to number three behind compatriot Mats Wilander after his second-round defeat to Australian Mark Woodforde last week in Toronto, needed only 56 minutes to dismiss the 32-year-old Edwards.

Steady
"I didn't go for too many winners tonight," said Edberg. "I just concentrated on playing a steady match. This win was very important for my confidence."

The next opponent for Edberg, the reigning Wimbledon champion, will be Horacio de la Pena of Argentina.

Pat Cash, the fourth seed, had a more difficult time against Alexander Volkov of the Soviet Union, prevailing by 6-4 2-6 7-6. Cash, the 1987 Wimbledon

champion, struggled until the final set tiebreaker, which he won 7-4. The Australian seemed tentative and made a lot of errors but closed out the two-hour 19 minute match decisively.

"I played well when I had to, but at times, I was just losing interest in the match. I can't explain why," said Cash.

"I've been hitting the ball well recently, and I knew that I could raise the level of my game when I needed it."

Volkov, who was playing his first tournament since Wimbledon, will miss the US Open in order to concentrate on next month's Seoul Olympics.

Earlier ninth-seeded Andres Gomez of Ecuador struggled past unseeded American Greg Holmes in a 107-minute, first-round battle.

Gomez, ranked 16th in the world, saved two set points in the opening set tiebreaker and then came back from a break down in the second set to win 7-6 (8-6) 6-4 as temperatures reached a torrid 50 degrees Centigrade on court.

"It was unbelievably hot out there," said Gomez. "It makes you feel bad to win a match in those conditions, because you know you will have to play another one."

Nicklas Kroon of Sweden was a surprise 7-6 6-3 winner over American Jim Pugh. Kroon is ranked 110th in the world, while Pugh is 58.

Another minor upset was registered by Paul Wekesa of Kenya, who ousted 17-year-old American Jim Courier 7-6 6-4.

Last

Kelly Evernden of New Zealand took the first set from American Jimmy Arias, 6-3, but could only win three more games in the last two sets.

"I pulled a thigh muscle in the second game of the first set, and it just got worse throughout the match," Evernden said.

Other first-round winners included American David Pate, Ramesh Krishnan of India, Swede Anders Jarryd and Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland.

Brewers cruise past Orioles

Viola helps Twins outlast Tigers

NEW YORK, Aug 16, (AP): Before Frank Viola chases Cy Young, he wants to chase the Oakland Athletics.

Viola became the first 19-game winner in the Major Leagues and John Moses went 4-for-4 with a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning last night as the Minnesota Twins beat the Tigers 2-1 in Detroit.

The victory moved the Twins to within eight games of the Athletics in the American League West, something Viola wants to concentrate on for the time being.

In other American League games yesterday, Milwaukee beat Baltimore 4-1, and Kansas City pounded Texas 12-3.

Pretty
"That (Cy Young Award) doesn't mean anything right now," Viola said. "I'll take it at the end of the season. If I look back and I say, 'hey, I did pretty good,' then that will come into play."

"The most important thing we ever achieved was the World Championship last year. We know how to do it. I'm just trying to give ourselves a chance again. All the individual stuff will be great — after the season."

Viola, 19-4, gave up seven hits and lowered his American League-leading run average to

2.36. He struck out seven and walked one in his sixth complete game.

The Twins beat the Al East-leading Tigers for the sixth time in seven games this season, with Viola going 3-0. Last year, Minnesota defeated Detroit in five games in the playoffs.

Moses' solo home run, his second of the season, came with two outs in the seventh inning against Walt Terrell, 6-10. Moses also had three singles.

In Milwaukee, Teddy Higuera pitched five-hit ball for eight innings and Jim Adduci delivered a two-run double, leading the Milwaukee Brewers over the Baltimore Orioles 4-1.

Higuera, 9-8, struck out nine — including five straight at one point — and walked none. Dan Plesac struck out two in the ninth to earn his 28th save.

The Brewers scored three runs in the fourth off Jose Bautista, 6-11.

The Royals' Willie Wilson tripped and hit two doubles, and George Brett had a two-run homer as Kansas City routed the Rangers 12-3.

Danny Tartabull, Frank White and Kurt Stillwell each hit two-run doubles. The Royals had six doubles in a 11-hit attack.

Charlie Leibrandt, 7-11, gave up seven hits in seven innings. Paul Kilgus, 9-11, took the loss.

New Zealand beaten by trial catamaran

De Savary shelves 1988 Cup plans

LONDON, Aug 16, (Reuters): British millionaire Peter de Savary, denied a sail-off against New Zealand's challenging yacht, has announced his withdrawal from any involvement with the 1988 America's Cup.

De Savary had planned to take his hydrofoil Blue Arrow to San Diego to compete in a friendly post-race match after his attempt to be included in the official challenge was thwarted by a New York judge last month.

But he changed his mind after meeting his designers and sailors last weekend. "It would have been marvellous to have offered the world a chance of seeing Blue Arrow race in San Diego," De Savary said.

"However, on balance, we

consider that we will be better served by devoting our resources to the next America's Cup in 1991."

De Savary originally wanted to sail against New Zealand for the right to challenge US holder Dennis Conner and the San Diego yacht club, but Michael Fay, leader of the New Zealand challenge, refused to race him.

A New York judge ruled that although there had been an agreement in principle to allow the British team to race off against the New Zealanders, no enforceable contract had been concluded.

A spokeswoman for De Savary denied that the £12 million (\$20 million) challenge had been a waste of money.

The yacht would now be used for publicity, and in proving that it could be thought up, designed and built in 11 weeks, the challenge team had carried out a valuable research and development exercise, she said.

In San Diego, meanwhile, the crew of New Zealand's challenger found little encouragement in their initial sparring with a catamaran over the weekend.

The Kiwis raced on Saturday and again yesterday against a catamaran they had leased for practice and were beaten soundly, said Graeme Colman, spokesman for the New Zealand challenge.

"It blitzed our big boat quite easily, going about 30 per cent faster downwind," Colman said.

Bruno, who was at ringside to watch Tyson's last fight, a 91-second demolition of Michael Spinks in June, insisted he would not be going the same way.

Steps
"I'm the only one who's actually been in the ring with him. All his other opponents had only watched him on TV," Bruno said. "He doesn't scare me."

Bruno, rated No. 1 challenger by both the World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association, will not have fought for a year when he steps into the ring at midnight local time to face one of the most awesome champions in boxing history.

He said the time lapse didn't worry him.

"I fight better when I've been out for a long time," Bruno, 26, said. "I've been training every day for this fight."



Bruno confidently raises his fists in front of a billboard advertising his fight. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cayton said he has a signed contract, but Winston said certain changes were written in by Tyson, which now must be agreed upon by Cayton.

"If Bill Cayton agrees to all the terms, I would say yes we have a fight," said Winston. "If he says no, then at this moment we don't have a fight."

The Home Box Office (HBO) cable television network, however, is proceeding with plans to broadcast the Tyson-Bruno fight after receiving a bit of inside information.

North Korea rejects latest IOC proposal

TOKYO, Aug 16, (Reuters): North Korea today rejected the International Olympic Committee's latest proposal on the North participating in next month's Seoul Olympics and said the matter would be resolved in talks between parliamentarians from both sides.

The official North Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, said the reply to the August 11 proposal came in a cable message from Kim Yu Sun, president of the North Korean Olympic Committee, to IOC chairman Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Kim said he could not accept the invitation to attend the opening and closing ceremonies and march side-by-side with the South Korean team because it would only serve to give a strong impression that there were "two Koreas."

Session
Kim said he would ask for Samaranch's co-operation if the parliamentary talks were successful, the agency said.

Pyeongyang has said it would boycott the Games because the IOC did not meet its demands to co-host them.

The two sides are due to hold a preliminary meeting tomorrow at the border town of Panmunjom. They aim to set a joint parliamentary session that would draft a non-aggression pact and discuss the North's possible participation in the Games.

The dispatch did not mention a proposal made yesterday by South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo for talks with North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung.

Meanwhile Roh Tae-Woo warned yesterday that his government "will not forgive anyone" who jeopardizes the Olympics through violence.

Noting the Olympics will bring East and West together for the first time since the Montreal Games in 1976, Roh said: "People around the world are praying for the success of the Games."

Therefore, the people and the government will not forgive anyone who spoils the festival through mob action or the throwing of firebombs, no matter for what plausible cause," he said.

The WBC test, taken at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) laboratory, showed traces of a non-prescription drug used to combat the common cold, the council said.

'Happy' Lora tests negative

MEXICO CITY, Aug 16, (Reuters): The World Boxing Council (WBC) yesterday said its bantamweight champion Miguel 'Happy' Lora tested negative for stimulants in a test taken after a title fight earlier this month.

A council spokesman said a test of a urine sample taken from the Colombian boxer after his August 1 win over American Alberto Davila in Los Angeles showed no traces of amphetamines or meta-amphetamines.

In an earlier test taken by the California Athletic Commission, Lora tested positive for the drugs.

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Navratilova, Sabatini and Evert seek to stop Graf

LOS ANGELES, Aug 16, (Reuters): Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert and Gabriela Sabatini are united in one cause — to deny Steffi Graf the Grand Slam — but all three admit it will be tough to stop the West German teenager.

The "Stop Steffi" campaign begins in earnest on August 29 at the US Open in New York, but in the weeks in advance of the year's final Grand Slam tournament, Graf's rivals will try hard to polish their games to a shine.

Raise
Evert and Sabatini both took five weeks off after Wimbledon yet made the finals of the Los Angeles women's tournament, where Evert beat Sabatini 2-6 6-1 in the final last Sunday.

"I'm pleased that I won a tournament but to beat Graf the way she's playing, I'll have to raise my game a lot," Evert said.

Graf has won the Australian Open, the French Open and Wimbledon and needs only the US Open to complete her sweep of the four majors.

The only other women to complete the Grand Slam in a calendar year were American Maureen Connolly (1953) and Australian Margaret Court (1970).

This week, Evert and Sabatini join Navratilova at the Canadian Open in Montreal, while Graf continues to shun the tournament scene for the practice court.

Graf is not scheduled to play until the New Jersey Classic in Mahwah, New Jersey, August 22-28.

Sabatini went home to Buenos Aires after Wimbledon, and put down her racket to work on her physical conditioning.

"I think I'm getting better than last year, but to beat Steffi, I think I have to be in good shape. The points are very hard with her," said Sabatini, adding: "I'm

Agreed
Navratilova, who has not played since losing to Graf in the Wimbledon final, agreed with Court but added that she would not give up yet.

"Right now, Steffi is the best player in the world, and she has proven that. But I'm going to try my damndest to stop her at the US Open," said Navratilova.

China win Independent Cup

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Aug 16, (AP): Wang Tao scored a single goal to lead China to a 1-0 victory over Australia in the final of the fourth Independent Cup soccer tournament yesterday.

The two teams played a scoreless tie in the first half.

Wang Tao scored the winning goal at the 74th minute following a quick offensive.

Penalty
Xu Hui controlled the ball just near the centre, sent a long-pass to Hu Wei, who outdribbled two Australian defenders then sent a shot past into the penalty area to Tao, who scored the only goal of the match from close-range.

Australia performed their best and launched more attacks in both halves.

But China goalie Yin Weiming stopped every salvo before a bout



Navratilova: will try her best

going to be much better in the future."

Sabatini is the only one of the three that has beaten Graf this year. She beat her on hard courts, the US Open's surface, at the Florida women's championship, and again on clay at the Amelia Island championships.

Margaret Court, who has watched all the Grand Slam events this year, says that even though Navratilova, Evert and Sabatini have fine-tuned their games, Graf is still a step ahead of them.

"Steffi is playing well and her preparation and confidence are flawless. I think Navratilova is the only one who can stop her from winning the Grand Slam," said Court.

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"Right now, Steffi is the best player in the world, and she has proven that. But I'm going to try my damndest to stop her at the US Open," said Navratilova.

Jones banned for three matches

LONDON, Aug 16, (Reuters): Wimbledon midfielder Vinny Jones was banned for three matches by the English Football Association (FA) today after being sent off in a friendly game at the weekend.

Wimbledon, the FA Cup holders, had already taken their own disciplinary action against the player, barring him from Saturday's English Charity Shield match against League champions Liverpool.

Jones was sent off during a pre-season friendly against Non-League Shanklin on the Isle of Wight on Sunday.

Shanklin defender Dave Woodhouse had to be helped from the pitch after Jones elbowed him in the face.

The FA ban starts on August 28, after Wimbledon's first League match of the season, at home to Arsenal. Jones will miss games against Luton, West Ham and Middlesbrough.

Wimbledon have twice been fined £5,000 (\$8,500) by the FA in the last three months — the first time because players bared their buttocks in a testimonial match and the second for a suspended fine left over from last season.

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Tyson to have last word on Bruno fight

NEW YORK, Aug 16, (Reuters): Frank Bruno of Britain is talking tough, but undisputed heavyweight champion Mike Tyson will have the last word about whether their October 8 fight in Newbury stadium comes off.

Promoters in London have announced the fight is on but confirmation was not forthcoming from Tyson's personal representatives yesterday because of haggling over details of the fight contract between Tyson and manager Bill Cayton.

"We have no official announcement quite yet," said Phyllis Colander, Tyson's spokeswoman.

Exact
"I think there will be a fight, but I'm not sure at this exact time," said Michael Winston, Tyson's lawyer.

No such indecision was in evidence in London, where promoters staged a press conference yesterday starring Bruno.

"He's going to get murdered — not me," said Bruno, who said he has wanted to fight the 22-year-old Tyson ever since he earned 30 rounds with him six years ago while training in the Atskill Mountains of New York.

SPORTS

WORLD'S TOP SPRINTERS STAGE OLYMPIC DRESS REHEARSAL

Lewis and Johnson set to clash

ZURICH, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Carl Lewis and Ben Johnson treat the world to a sneak preview of their Seoul Olympic sprint showdown at the Weltklasse Athletics Grand Prix tomorrow.

Defending Olympic gold medalist Lewis and reigning world champion Johnson meet over 100 metres just 13 days short of the anniversary of their last confrontation — a world record-shattering duel in the 1987 Rome World Championship final.

But more significantly, the world's two fastest men will be racing just 38 days before their expected battle for sprinting's most coveted prize — the Olympic 100 metres crown.

Advantage
It will be the 15th time the pair have met and victory, along with its inherent psychological advantage in the countdown to Seoul, is seen as essential — which means either man may yet withdraw in a calculated move to protect confidence.

Not surprisingly, meeting promoter Res Bruegger's recent comments have been guarded. "I can only tell you for sure if they will meet when they are at the starting blocks," he said.

"Anything is possible just before the Olympics. There are changes by the minute."

But he added yesterday: "I have been given firm promises by both managers that they will run in the 100 metres — barring accidents."



Johnson (right) on his way to a world record and victory over Lewis at the Rome meeting.

Johnson appears most committed to the clash. Having reduced the world mark to 9.83 seconds in Rome when he relieved Lewis of the 100 metres world title, he now seems desperate to beat his American rival

again here. Certainly the Canadian, who trails Lewis 8-6 in previous meetings, has most to prove after returning from a hamstring injury which kept him out for six months this year.

With Johnson sidelined since February, Lewis has proved himself to be in the best of form. A wind-aided but morale-boosting 9.78-second 100 metres — the fastest ever — in July's US Olympic trials confirmed that at 27, Lewis remains the pick of the rich crop of American sprinters.

Johnson is determined to see that Lewis' supremacy remains confined to the United States. "It's important to win in Zurich because it's important to go to Seoul with confidence," he said recently.

"But it's more important to me to beat Lewis. I can't think about losing to him."

While recent form may favour Lewis — he repeatedly ran sub-10 second 100 metres at the US trials — history is on the side of Johnson.

He has not finished behind Lewis since August 1983 and has won both their previous meetings in Zurich.

Both ran relays for their countries last weekend but last week at high altitude in Sestriere, Italy, Lewis clocked the third fastest 200 metres ever of 19.82 seconds while Johnson won a 100 metres in a disappointing 9.98.

Their Seoul dress rehearsal is sure to dominate the evening, but the meeting has attracted a high-quality pre-Olympic field.

British high-hurdler Colin Jackson expects to reduce further the European record of 13.11 seconds he set in Sestriere last Thursday when he meets

world record-holder Renaldo Nehemiah and Olympic champion Roger Kingdom of the US. Americans Butch Reynolds and Steve Lewis, the world junior champion, clash over 400 metres. Moroccan Said Aouita runs in the mile and Britons Steve Cram, Peter Elliott, Tom McKean and Steve Crabb clash over 800 metres.

But world 1,500 metres champion Abdi Bile of Somalia has withdrawn with a foot injury while Seb Coe, the 800 metres world record holder controversially omitted from Britain's Olympic team last week, has also pulled out with a chest infection.

Face
Cram, Elliott and Crabb will switch to the 1,500 metres at the Brussels Grand Prix meeting two days later, organisers said today, while Aouita will face American Johnny Gray and Somalia's Abdi Bile in the 800 metres.

"This could turn out to be one of the strongest 800 metre races ever," organiser Wilfried Meert told a news conference.

Gray recorded this season's 800 metres best time of one minute 43.10 seconds in Hengelo, in the Netherlands, on Sunday.

A record 34 athletes will take part in the 10,000 metres in Brussels. Meert said, adding: "Perhaps too many but there has been enormous pressure from many national federations since this could well be the only 10,000 metres race before the Olympics."

Upstaged in a major championships for the first time last year when he lost his world title to East German Torsten Voss in Rome, Thompson has everything to prove in Seoul.



Thompson faces uphill struggle to retain title

LONDON, Aug. 16, (Reuters): An irresistible combination of fierce competitiveness and sardonic humour has made Daley Thompson one of the world's best-loved athletes.

He is a showman with a reputation for packing a laugh into every occasion — usually through a tee-shirt adorned with a cheeky message.

He has won every major decathlon honour and is generally regarded as the best all-round athlete in history.

Yet Thompson will arrive in Seoul far from certain of retaining the title he won in the 1980 and 1984 Olympics.

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Surprise
The 30-year-old Briton was dogged by a groin injury during the early part of 1987 and his surprise capitulation in Rome was also blamed upon the distractions of his marriage to girlfriend Tisha.

He promised after his first defeat in nine years: "I'll be back and you won't see me losing again because I enjoy the feeling of winning too much."

The premature birth of his daughter Rachel, who was born three months early weighing less than one kilogram last December, has been a further distraction for Thompson.

"My little girl was born 12 weeks premature and weighed less than a bag of sugar," said Thompson. "It was incredible how tiny she was, yet she was perfectly formed."

Soon after the birth, Thompson travelled to California for a three-month training stint.

"It was upsetting to go," he said. "Probably the worst bit was that Rachel came out of hospital while I was away — almost to the day when she should have been born."

Thompson is adamant the experiences of the past year will serve as an inspiration to him in Seoul. He also believes he will draw strength from his failure in Rome.

His refusal to quit in Rome once defeat had become certain — he eventually finished ninth — was a side of his nature never seen before. It earned him praise from fans and rivals alike.

"Daley Thompson is a very good sportsman," said Voss at the time. "It was good fair play of him to finish."

Thompson's coach, Britain's national coaching director Frank Dick, said: "Lesser people would have walked away."

The Londoner himself said: "There were many moments I felt like packing it in, but how could I?"

"It was important I finished. I had to go through with it because there would have been people, particularly youngsters, looking to see what I did when the chips were down."

Incredible edge past Strikers

INCREDIBLE XI, the reigning champions, defeated UG Strikers 6-5 in a penalty shoot-out to move into the final of the 10th annual United Goans Football League Tournament at the Sour grounds on Friday.

In a very close match, which ended 3-3 after the normal and extra time, Incredible proved better marksmen from the penalty spot.

Joseph Salema initially put Strikers ahead in the early phase of the game. Incredible fought back and scored three quick goals through Jovito and Reddu.

Failed

Strikers came back strongly in the second half. They got their second goal through Thomas Verghese, off a penalty, and the equaliser through Joseph Salema in the dying minutes of the match.

The extra time failed to produce any result and the match went into a penalty shoot-out from which Incredible emerged victorious.

In the second semifinal Boys Own Club thrashed Santos 4-1. Joe scored three goals for Boys Own Club while Bobby got the fourth. The consolation goal for Santos was scored by Inas.

Elliott out of basketball team

TUCSON, Arizona, Aug. 16, (AP): United States star forward Sean Elliott has been cut from the US men's Olympic basketball team, University of Arizona sports information director Butch Henry said yesterday.

There was no immediate announcement from Washington, D.C., where the Olympic team is practicing. Henry said only that Elliott had been cut and would return to Tucson, Arizona.

Olympic coach John Thompson couldn't be reached for comment.

Elliott had failed to score in two games before breaking through in Friday's game against a team of National Basketball Association players. Elliott got his first points on goaltending call against Alton Lister of the Seattle Supersonics, then added two free throws and a 20-foot (7-metre) jump shot.

Elliott, according to Henry, said he was hampered by a lack of familiarity with the way Thompson works and from confusion about his own role.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Enzo Ferrari

PARIS, Aug. 16, (Reuters): The International Automobile Federation (FIA) paid tribute today to Enzo Ferrari, Italy's grand old man of motor racing who died on Sunday at the age of 90. FIA president Jean-Marie Balestre said in a statement: "The whole sport of motor racing worldwide is in mourning. Motor sport's legendary figure has left us. Nothing will ever be the same again."

Submarine style

EAST BERLIN, Aug. 16, (Reuters): A leading East German sports journalist warned today that swimming could die as a spectator event if the submarine style of world record-breaking American David Berkoff became the norm.

Myricks wins

LINZ, Austria, Aug. 16, (AP): Larry Myricks of the United States easily won the long jump at an international track meet yesterday, outdistancing the field by about half a foot (15 centimetres).

Athletics fan

GATESHEAD, England, Aug. 16, (Reuters): The building, middle-aged athletics fan who grappled with glamorous US sprinter Florence Griffith-Joyner before a race Sunday was heading for a severe reprimand from his mother today.

Leading scorer

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16, (AP): Guy Lafleur, the Montreal Canadiens' all-time leading scorer, has requested an invitation to train with the Los Angeles Kings at the Kings' conditioning camp at Victoria, Canada.

Hungarian soccer

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Aug. 16, (AP): The Hungarian 1988-89 First Division Soccer championship started this past weekend with fresh scoring rules. While in the past the winning team was awarded two points and one point was earned in a draw, the Hungarian Soccer Association scrapped draws and stipulated that the winner must be established by penalty-shooting in case of a draw.

Soviet writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Aug. 16, (AP): Vladimir Sukhoy, a writer for the Soviet newspaper Pravda who is the first Soviet correspondent to cover a motorsports event in the United States, left Watkins Glen International with a headache from trying to watch all the cars.

Top US divers praise coach

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 16, (AP): There are bonds between US divers Michele Mitchell and Greg Louganis. They have become recognised as two of the world's best divers under the coaching of Ron O'Brien.

Both earned Olympic medals in 1984 and hope to repeat in 1988. To that end, both had to follow the sometimes demanding O'Brien when he moved his programme from California to Florida.

Heroes

"They have to be highly motivated or they wouldn't be continuing to dive when they could have retired as heroes in 1984," said O'Brien, who will find out which divers he'll be taking to Seoul during trials this week.

The US Olympic diving trials begin at the Indiana University

with women's springboard qualifying tomorrow. The finals are scheduled for Thursday night. The men's competition starts on the springboard on Thursday and ends on Sunday with the platform finals.

Mitchell, who earned a silver medal in platform at the Los Angeles Olympics and was a 1985 World Cup champion in the event, says O'Brien is one reason she's still competing.

"He's a very fair coach. He's really the most fair and civil man I've ever met," she said. "He's a very unassuming guy. I think he loves his divers as people first and athletes second. I think that priority is really critical for the long run."

"He's concerned about our love life, he's concerned about our jobs, our future, our family relationships. Ultimately, you

can't have a good diving performance if the rest of your life is falling apart."

Louganis, defending Olympic champion in both the springboard and platform, also praises O'Brien for his fairness.

"I was at his camp when I was 15 in 1975 and when he was there, he gave me just as much attention as he does now. He treats all divers the same," said Louganis, winner of a record 47 national and five world diving championships.

"He's a real progressive coach. He's not afraid to use other people's ideas. He's not afraid to change his training programme. He's always open to something new and something completely different," Mitchell said.

Two divers in each men's and women's event will earn a trip to Korea.

Drug use by US athletes rampant, says Olympian

SANTA BARBARA, California, Aug. 16, (AP): Karin Smith, a four-time US Olympian, said yesterday that drug use by track and field athletes is rampant in the United States.

"Drug testing in this country is a farce," the javelin thrower said. "There must be a large cover-up."

Baron Pittenger, executive director of the US Olympic Committee, denied the charge.

"There is no cover-up," he said in a telephone interview from USOC headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colorado. "I don't know what she's talking about."

Smith, a member of every US Olympic team since 1976, said 17 track and field athletes tested positive for banned drugs in the 1984 Olympic trials and none were punished.

"That's a number I've heard and a lot of other people have heard," she said in an interview at the US track and field training camp.

Pittenger said Smith was misinformed.

"No one tested positive at the 1984 Olympic trials," he said. The USOC said all athletes cleared drug-testing procedures after last month's US Olympic track and field trials at Indianapolis.

Although six to 10 athletes failed the tests, none will be suspended because they tested positive for stimulants contained in over-the-counter medications or in herbal teas.

Gorski seeks spot on US Olympic squad

HOUSTON, Aug. 16, (AP): Mark Gorski feels he's in the best physical condition of his life and riding faster than ever. Whether that's good enough to earn another spot on the US Olympic cycling team will be determined this week.

Began

Gorski, the 1984 gold medalist in the match sprint, faces a strong field of riders in his effort to qualify for a trip to Seoul next month. At 28, he's still a dominant force in his specialty but rising young stars like Ken Carpenter are closing the gap.

"There's a lot more competition this time around than there was in 1984 or 1980," Gorski said today as he began final preparations for the US track cycling Olympic trials and national championships.

Besides the 23-year-old carpenter, 1984 Olympic silver medalist Nelson Vails and two-time defending national champion Scott Berryman are solid contenders for the lone men's match sprint spot on the US team.

LONDON, Aug. 16, (Reuters): England's one-match Test captain Chris Cowdrey gave the selectors something to think about when he hit his first championship century of the English county cricket season yesterday.

On a day when Graham Gooch was named to lead England against Sri Lanka next week, Cowdrey's knock of 108 was a timely reminder to the selectors that he still considers himself captaincy material for the forthcoming tour of India.

His score, and the 119 by former Test opener Chris Tavare, helped Kent reach a commanding 466 for eight declared in reply to Derbyshire's 262 on the second day.

Kept

Cowdrey led England in the recent fourth Test against the West Indies but an injury kept him out of the fifth Test and he lost the job to Gooch. Yesterday's announcement set off rumours that Gooch would be asked to captain England in India, a tour he previously said he would not join.

The Essex captain, meanwhile, stressed his form with an unbeaten 54 off 65 balls against Nottinghamshire as his third-placed side reached 68 for one after leading by 47 runs on first innings.

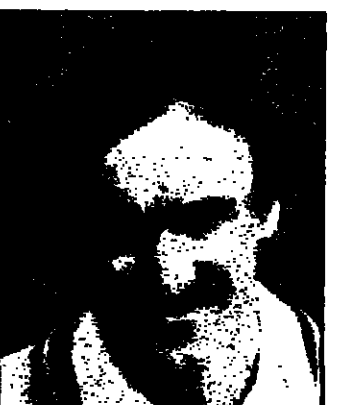


Cowdrey: slammed 108

Greg Thomas, overlooked as a fast bowler by England this year, showed his prowess with the bat for Glamorgan with a maiden first-class century which spiked second-placed Worcestershire's hopes of maximum points.

Thomas's occupation of the crease upset Worcestershire captain Phil Neale's calculations after bad weather cut play on Saturday's first day, and to gain a definite result on Tuesday, he was forced to declare 98 behind on the first innings.

Thomas boosted Glamorgan from 92 for six to 298 for nine declared with his 100 not out. Worcestershire were given a



Tavare: scored 119

great start by Gordon Lord (56) and Tim Curtis (24), who put on 82 for the first wicket. But a mini-collapse when three wickets tumbled in seven balls reduced them to 200 for five declared.

Scores

At Bournemouth: Hampshire 293 in 89 overs and 61 for three, Northamptonshire 205 in 99.2 overs (G. Cook 56, P. Bakker three for 30).

At Chesterfield: Derbyshire 262 in 90.4 overs and 35 for no wicket. Kent 466 for eight declared in 100 overs (C. Tavare 119, C. Cowdrey 108, R. Pienaar 52).

At Scarborough: Yorkshire 369 for three declared in 110.1 overs and 33 for no wicket. Somerset 270 for eight declared in 102 overs (J. Hardy 97, G. Rose 69 not out, P. Carrick four for 77, A. Sidebottom three for 50).

Persian Heights loses 1st place

YORK, England, Aug. 16, (Reuters): A record-breaking triumph by Persian Heights in the Group One international stakes today turned sour when stewards demoted the colt to third place for causing interference to Indian Skimmer a furlong from the finish.

American jockey Steve Caution on third-placed Indian Skimmer, claimed Persian Heights, ridden by Pat Eddery, had impeded him in the one and a quarter mile race before winning by a length and a half.

A stewards' inquiry awarded the \$240,000 first prize to Shady Heights and relegated Persian Heights to third. Indian Skimmer was promoted to second.



Gooch tempted to lead England tour of India

LONDON, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Graham Gooch hinted yesterday he could be tempted to lead England on this winter's tour of India after he was named earlier in the day as captain of the Test side to face Sri Lanka here next week.

The Essex opener became England's fourth captain this season when he took over from the injured Chris Cowdrey for the final Test against the West Indies earlier this month.

"I could be persuaded to make the tour. It is a possibility I have not ruled out," Gooch said after the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) announcement that he would captain England against Sri Lanka at Lord's.

"Much depends on talks due to take place at Lord's but I do not know when they are likely to be held."

After last winter's tour of Pakistan, Gooch indicated he did not wish to make another tour with England because he wanted to spend more time with his family.

"Being asked to lead your country is a great honour and when that happens you start to

think things over again," he said. Cowdrey, who was initially appointed for the last two Tests of the series against West Indies, has now recovered from a badly bruised foot and was available for selection.

Ironically, as the selectors named Gooch as their choice against Sri Lanka, fuelling speculation regarding the India tour captaincy, Cowdrey was compiling his first County Championship century of the season, against Derbyshire at Chesterfield.

Successful

He failed with both bat and ball in the one Test he did captain and Gooch, although still losing to West Indies, was widely regarded as a more successful leader in the last match of the series.

"I don't feel let down. England played reasonably well at the Oval and the selectors obviously want their strongest possible side for the Test against Sri Lanka because they will not be easy to beat," Cowdrey said.

A TCCB spokesman said the side for the Sri Lanka Test would be announced at the weekend.

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